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Major asks public for honours nominations

■ Honours are to be given on merit and to favour voluntary workers under changes designed to end class distinctions in the awards system

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major yesterday announced sweeping reforms of the centuries-old honours system in a further step towards his classless society.

Launching a new system based on merit rather than class, Mr Major told the Commons that members of the public could recommend "deserving cases" for honours by filling in forms supplied by Downing Street.

He heralded the end of automatic knighthoods for top mandarins and the abolition of traditional class distinctions for many awards, including military medals. "Honours should be awarded on merit for exceptional achievement or exceptional service over and above what normally might be expected," he said.

The prime minister was attacked by the Opposition for not going far enough and for insisting that he would retain political honours for long-serving Tory backbenchers.

In future, honours will be awarded on merit alone, with particular emphasis on voluntary service and charitable work. Downing Street indicated that honours previously awarded to show business personalities are likely to be given to community volunteers such as those helping to combat juvenile crime.

Mr Major wants anybody to be able to nominate people for awards, announced twice a year. There will also be more royal investitures, carried out both by the Queen and the Prince of Wales, some of which will take place in Holyrood House Palace, in Edinburgh. The prime minister announced that he had no intention of creating any hereditary peerages but insisted that honours would still be given for political service.

John Smith, the Labour leader, accused him of a "shoddy misuse" of the system, but acknowledged that there would be widespread acceptance of the abolition of distinctions of rank and status in civilian and military awards. He questioned why only Tory governments used honours as patronage for political supporters. "Have you no shame about the way that each year eight Conservative MPs regularly and automatically collect knighthoods, for no other reason but being supporters of the ruling political party?" he said.

Mr Major insisted that High Court judges would continue to receive knighthoods on their appointments "to preserve the independence of the Bench", but later hinted that he might review the retention of awards for judges and journalists.

Changes that will take effect in the next honours list in June include the abolition of the British Empire Medal, traditionally given to the working classes. Everyone will become eligible for the Member of the British Empire award, traditionally given to the professional and middle classes.

The Imperial Service Order, which ranks between the MBE and the OBE and is usually reserved for long-serving civil servants, will also be abolished. Automatic knighthoods will no longer be awarded to top civil servants, permanent secretaries or senior members of the armed forces.

Mr Major emphasised that everyone would have a stake in the new honours system. "There should be different levels of award to reflect different levels of achievement," he said. Awards should not be automatic and follow simply as a result of doing a particular job," he said.

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SIMON WALKER



Eye for detail: Stephen Dix, of Spink jewellers, examining insignia yesterday

No 10 acts to defuse Thatcher dispute

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN Major delivered a spirited defence of his predecessor last night after his remarks suggesting that he was out of sympathy with the industrial policies of the Thatcher years threatened to boil over into a new bout of internal Tory warfare.

Baroness Thatcher was reported by close colleagues to be satisfied after the prime minister and his staff spent much of an embarrassing day emphasising that his comments had not been intended as an attack on the former prime minister.

Downing Street was forced into action after Lady Thatcher's allies, led by Lord Tebbit, sprang to her defence in the wake of Mr Major's interview with *The Independent*, which said that he had held a minority view about the importance of manufacturing industry during the 1980s.

The conclusion among ministers last night was that Mr Major must have been referring to Lord Lawson, his former boss at the Treasury, who was on record during the 1980s as suggesting that the manufacturing sector did not deserve special help.

The furore gave the Labour party a field day. Throughout an uncomfortable question time in the Commons, Mr Major was taunted by John Smith and other Labour MPs about his reported comments. Having run out of excuses for the "abject" failure of his economic policies, Mr Major was now trying to pin the blame on his predecessor in whose government he was Chancellor, Mr Smith said.

Mr Major retorted that he had been misled by reports of his interview and said that "Lady Thatcher did more to help British industry than the Labour party has ever done".

The contentious passage in the interview came when it was put to Mr Major: "But the idea got about in the 1980s that actually making things was not so important in this country."



Lord Tebbit: sprang to former leader's defence

The prime minister replied: "I don't agree with it. I didn't agree with it in the 80s. I was a minority view in the 1980s. I am not a minority view now and, anyway, I am in a better position to expound my views. I don't agree with that. Services are very important — the City of London is the supreme example of that — but services aren't enough because services in a recession are the first thing you cut, so we need the manufacturing base both as import substitution and as part of the continuing export drive." He then apparently compounded the offence by referring to his "inheritance" on entering No 10.

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Muslim widow tells of her escape from mass grave

FROM BILL FROST IN TRAVNIK

CRAMPED together in the squalor of a freezing school room, Muslim victims of "ethnic cleansing" yesterday told of the atrocities and war crimes committed by Serbs in Bosnia.

An old woman rocked from side to side and wept as she explained how her husband and son had been murdered with 25 other civilians. She had escaped death after jumping into a mass grave where she remained until the Serb execution squad had finished its work.

Zena, 67, told of the night that masked men in combat fatigues had rounded up their victims before marching them at gunpoint into woodland near Sipovo, in central Bosnia. Independent witnesses at a refugee centre in Travnik confirmed her harrowing story.

"They came to our village at about 8pm shouting for the Muslims to come out. About 30 of us were herded together at gunpoint. They marched us down towards the forest saying we were to be questioned.

"I was with my husband and my son. We were all frightened. Awful things had happened in the woods but they had rifles. Escape was impossible," she said. The Serbs led their captives to a glade where they were made to line up at the edge of a shallow ravine. The executioners then opened up with automatic rifles, said Zena.

The bodies toppled backwards into the hollow. The old woman saw her husband and then her son fall backwards into their grave. "All I loved was taken from me in a second. At that moment I jumped in with them, not hoping to survive but wishing to die too," she said.

Sometime later, Zena recovered consciousness to find herself beneath the corpse of a neighbour. She could still hear the voices of Serb soldiers. Hours later, she crawled from the mass grave to the house of a Serb family who had secretly remained friendly. They dressed her wounds and cared for her, she said, pointing to cuts and bruises on her leg and chest.

The atrocity had been carried out by troops who had recently attended the funeral of a fellow soldier, she explained. "Some Serbs hate what is happening. But they dare not do anything or they would be in trouble with the soldiers themselves," Zena said.

UN relief workers are convinced that the accounts they have been given are genuine. Zena, along with 3,000 other refugees, arrived in Travnik last week having paid her tormentors for a permit to leave her home. She ran the gauntlet of Serb fighters who spat at and intimidated the terrified refugees. "They shouted that they would kill us. They fired their weapons over our heads. Yet once we lived together, the world has gone mad," she said.

United Nations peacekeepers in Belgrade said yesterday that Serb commanders had provisionally agreed to let tens of thousands of civilians leave the besieged Muslim enclaves of Cerska, Zepa and Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia during a 24-hour weekend period..... Page 12

Barclays drops £242m into the red

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

BARCLAYS Bank has made a loss of £242 million, the first loss in its 97-year history, brought on by £2.55 billion provisions against bad debts after company collapses.

Barclays, once Britain's biggest bank, was the only one of the country's four big clearing banks to report losses for last year. The poor state of its finances was further brought home with the decision to cut the dividend payment for 1992 by 28 per cent to just 15.15p. Andrew Buxton, Barclays chairman and chief executive, blamed the losses on "poor lending decisions", particularly to property and construction companies.

Barclays has been one of the lead banks to many of the most spectacular corporate collapses in recent years, including Olympia & York, Heron, Imry and Mountleigh.

Despite the poor figures, Mr Buxton said he did not plan to resign, did not expected board changes, and refused to be drawn on when the bank is likely to split the top job. Last year Mr Buxton had saidhe had bowed to pressure from the bank's big institutional investors to split the role of chairman and chief executive.

Asked about concerns that small business customers are being charged hefty fees for management time and information they have not solicited, Mr Buxton said he was unable to comment on specific cases, but that it was the bank's policy to charge for management time. The fees were set out in a publicised charging structure.

Mr Buxton said Barclays had improved its lending practices and is concentrating on reducing operating costs, improving its management of risks and better service to customers. Barclays cut 6,400 jobs and shut 189 branches last year. Mr Buxton said another 9,000 jobs will go and another 350 branches will close in the next two years. He refused to rule out a reintroduction of banking charges for personal account customers who remain in credit, but said Barclays has no plans to do so.

City analysts are forecasting a return to profitability during 1993, but do not expect Barclays will be able to afford to increase its dividend and expect bad debt provisions to remain high at about £1.9 billion.

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New York bombing suspect held

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

THE White House announced last night that an arrest had been made in connection with last Friday's bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York.

White House officials said the arrested man was an American citizen connected with a Muslim fundamentalist organisation linked to the killing of Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the militant Jewish Defence League and Israel's anti-Arab Kach party, who was assassinated in New York in 1990. FBI officials would not confirm this, however, saying they did not wish to jeopardise further investigations.

The acting attorney-general, Stuart Gerson, and the director of the FBI, William Sessions, refused to identify the suspect. Mr Gerson said the authorities were looking for other suspects.

A New York television station, WNBC, gave the name of the arrested man as Salama Mohammed, aged 26. The station said he had rented a van in his own name, and the breakthrough in the investigation apparently came from records of parking stubs at the underground car park in the World Trade Centre where the bomb exploded. The station said he had been arrested in New Jersey and that other arrests were expected.

The announcement from the White House, made by the communications director, George Stephanopoulos, was an unusual step. It reflects acute concern in Washington about the arrival of European-style bombing attacks.

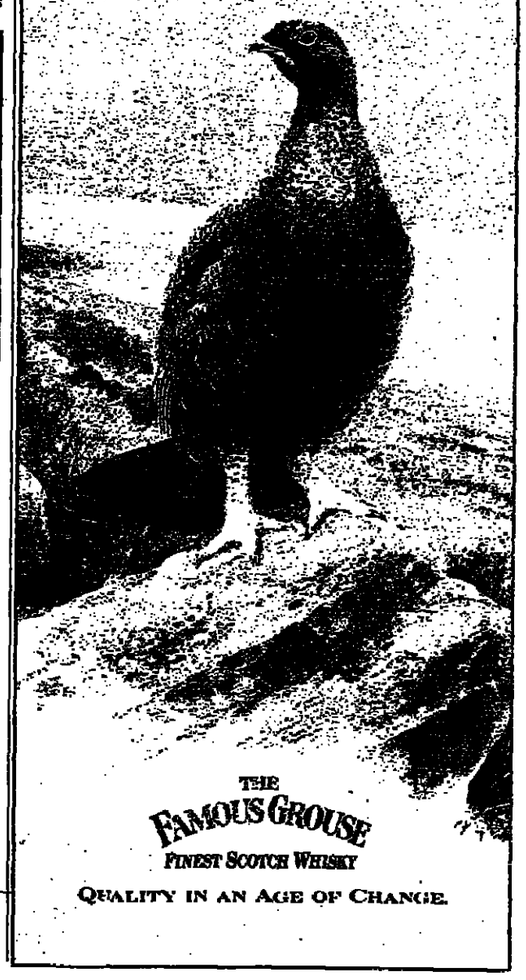
Last week's blast underneath the twin tower building in New York created a 100ft crater, and left at least five people dead and more than 1,000 injured.

Earlier, Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, criticised the Bosnia Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, for issuing what amounted to a threat that US aid to Bosnia could cause terrorism in America. Mr Karadzic said in what he called an open letter to America: "The tragic and deplorable terrorist incident in the World Trade Centre bombing is fresh testimony to the extraordinary volatility and immediate dangers of direct involvement."

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POLITICAL SKETCH

PM's black day for knights and lickspittle hacks

It cannot be out of order for a Labour MP to accuse a Tory, in the Chamber, of being "obedient", and it is probably just about permitted for MPs to call each other "hacks". Whether there are circumstances in which the term "lickspittle" is in order, we must doubt. And when fiery Paul Flynn (Lab, Newport W) told the prime minister that knighthoods for the "obedient, lickspittle hacks" on the benches behind him were automatic, we *knew* he was out of order.

Madam Speaker confirmed it. "Withdraw those words!" she cried, and, like the obedient — *ahem* — helpful fellow he is, Mr Flynn immediately did so.

But the Tory benches were in uproar. Tories who have already been knighted were indignant at the suggestion that they owed their knighthoods to having behaved like obedient, lickspittle hacks. Tories who have behaved like obedient, lickspittle hacks for decades, and *still* not been knighted, were indignant that their efforts were being overlooked by Flynn — and, indeed, by the PM.

There is no way you can stir a hornets' nest like the honours system, as Mr Major rather valiantly did yesterday, without yourself being stung by the necessary absurdity of any such system. The moment the prime minister rose to make his statement, you knew that the few short yards he dare venture would be shrugged off as an obvious step, while the rolling acres of snobbery and corruption upon which he dare not trespass would be pointed to by all with cries of anger.

With both the last two Labour prime ministers now in the Lords, John Smith still seemed unabashed in his denunciation of political honours. "That is not the view," said Mr Major, smiling with the confidence of a man carrying a dozen Labour applications in his pocket, "held by a great many hon members in his own party, as the Rt hon gentleman privately knows."

The Liberal Democrat leader asked why we couldn't have a single honour, with different gradations. MPs giggled. "The Rt hon Paddy Ashdown, OY (I)" (Order of Yeovil, first class) sprang to mind. Or perhaps recipients could be decorated according to a system of proportional representation (single transferable vote)?

Tony Benn supplied the historical perspective. "Ever since William the Conqueror took us into the Common Market . . ." he began.

Knights rose at their peril. Sir Peter Tapsell punctured the laughter by taking the bull by the horns: "As an example, perhaps, of the somewhat haphazard way in which routine political honours are awarded . . ."

"My hon friend understates his own distinction," the PM protested.

Ministers rose at their peril, too. Long-serving Anthony Steen (C, S Hams, Mr) had no time to speak, before several of his younger colleagues chorused "arise, Sir Anthony!" Peter Mandelson (Lab, Hartlepool, Mr) who — if Neil Kinnock had won the last election — might have been Lord Hartlepool by now, asked why the Tories had brought back hereditary peerages. Interestingly, Major replied that he did not plan to create such peerages. Hard cheese, Lady T. Douglas Hurd, beside him, gritted his teeth as dreams of a viscountcy flew away. Absent from the Chamber, Michael, Duke of Henley, was not there as his dukedom crumbled.

Finally, the PM cited arch-rebel Sir Teddy Taylor as evidence that prime ministers do not try to bribe with honours. Some of us see Sir Teddy as evidence that they try without success.



Trail of destruction: the remains of a butcher's shop in St Austell, Cornwall, demolished by a runaway 38-ton coal lorry which killed a woman motorist yesterday. The lorry hurtled down a hill, crushing the woman's car, before embedding itself in a florist's shop. The lorry's brakes are thought to have failed. Its 47-year-old driver suffered minor injuries

Council tax averages over £400

BY IAN MURRAY

THE average council tax throughout Britain will be higher than the government target figures, according to the most complete survey so far, although bills will be about 11 per cent lower than for the last community charge.

The independent survey found that properties in bands B and D in England will be taxed at an average of £567 *against the £493 level hoped* for by the government. In Scotland, the average will be £548, compared with the £413 target, and in Wales the average is £327 instead of the £260 suggested.

Many householders will qualify for discounts and exemptions, however, while low-income discounts and transitional relief for those facing steep increases in their bills will bring down the average size of payments. The average bill in England will be £444, in Scotland £408 and in Wales £262. The survey was prepared for *Public Finance and Accountancy* magazine and *Channel 4 News*.

Clarke backs switch to performance pay in police reforms

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke is preparing to end the formula that gives police an annual pay rise linked to inflation.

The home secretary has decided that the arrangement, introduced in 1979 *when conditions in the police* service and recruitment needed to be improved, is out-of-date. He will use the publication of a report by Sir Patrick Sheehy into police working practices to move to performance-related pay, which he believes better reflects modern working conditions and brings the police into line with industry.

The report, due to be published within a few weeks, is understood to propose that the police pay bill should be distributed in a way that reflects initiative and ability.

Even so, the expected change will cause concern in the police service. Abandonment of the formula will leave police pay open to an attack by the Treasury.

At the same time, Mr Clarke is close to a decision to abandon the home secretary's historic control over the Metropolitan police. He is fighting opposition from cabinet colleagues, notably Michael Howard, the environment secretary, to his plans to weaken the grip of local authorities on police forces. Mr Clarke wants to rid the authorities of politics and reshape them so that they include Home Office appointees, local businessmen and people with significant community experience as well as representatives of local councils. He hopes to reduce the number of police forces outside London from 43 to about 25, and to shift funding to Whitehall.

He is facing objections from Mr Howard and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary and a former home secretary, who are worried about the loss of local accountability.

The pay of a police constable has risen from £6,471 in 1979 to £20,952 and that of a sergeant from £7,095 to £22,992.



Clarke: supports end of automatic rises

NEWS IN BRIEF

School head quits curriculum council

A leading independent school headmistress has resigned from the National Curriculum Council in protest at proposed changes to the way English is taught and what she says is a politically biased approach.

In her resignation letter, Joan Clanchy, head of North London Collegiate School, told John Patten, the education secretary, that "the dominant aim has become a curriculum designed for testing and the result is a model of English teaching which is barren and anti-intellectual".

She said the proposed new curriculum, which will be delivered today to Mr Patten, would not raise standards and was distinctly authoritarian in tone; it reduced what should be the intellectual centre of the curriculum to the "teaching of apostrophes" and sucked it dry of interest. "It is almost as if there is a determination on the part of the council to pick a fight with English teachers," she added.

Rail staff vote on strike

Rail workers will today vote on whether to strike over job losses after their failure to secure a promise from British Rail that there will be no compulsory redundancies. The result of the ballot by the 68,000 members of RMT, the largest rail union, will be announced later in the month. The poll comes as miners are being urged to vote for a 24-hour strike as part of their campaign against pit closures. British Coal has warned them that redundancy benefits and earnings could be affected if they strike. Action by the MRT is caused by fears that job losses could be even greater than the 5,000 announced in November. The union believes a further 15,000 redundancies are planned in the next 12 months.

Killer father given life

A man was imprisoned for life by the High Court in Aberdeen yesterday for murdering his three-month-old son. Kevin Scott, a factory worker, of Aberchirder, Grampian, smashed Roderick McMichael's head against a wall in a fit of temper. The boy had been left in the care of Scott while his mother was working in a pub. The court was told that Roddy's injuries were among the worst doctors had seen. The baby's skull fracture was consistent with his having been held by the legs and swung against a wall.

Festival budget cut

An arts festival reputed to be the oldest in Europe has had its local authority grant cut by 25 per cent. The Three Choirs Festival, where Elgar and Vaughan Williams were premiered, will receive £5,000 less from Worcester City Council this year. A growing list of arts bodies is losing money as local authorities finalise budgets. The Northern Ballet Theatre has lost 20 per cent of its local grant and Bristol New Vic has suffered a 40 per cent cut. The Arts Council wants local authority arts spending made statutory.

Orkney minister retires

The Church of Scotland minister questioned by police during the Orkney child abuse scandal in February 1991 is to retire. The Rev Morris McKenzie insisted that his decision had nothing to do with the unsubstantiated allegations, or the Lord Clyde report into the affair. "Despite their efforts, the social workers have not succeeded in pushing me out," he said. But he admitted that the stresses of the past two years had affected his health. He is 65 and under church rules could work for another five years.

Two face bomb charges

Jan Alexander Taylor and Patrick Thomas Hayes will appear before a high security court in London today charged with three bombing offences, including the attack on Harrods in January in which three people were injured. One of the men is also accused of attempting to murder a policeman in Stoke Newington, north London, earlier this week.

Glasgow jobs setback

The government admitted last night that 700 army jobs initially promised for Glasgow might now go to Stockport, Greater Manchester. The about-turn apparently results from a blunder in which officials recommended centralising pay and personnel operations in Glasgow, unaware that there were premises in Stockport at a fifth of the price.

French destroy fish netted by own boats

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

RIOTING French fishermen have scored an own goal by destroying a cargo of fish caught by their own countrymen and intended for French consumers. They were apparently misled because the fish was being carried in a British lorry. French police refused to intervene and looted some of the fish, according to an eyewitness.

The incident, the latest in a series of violent protests by French fishermen against cheap imports, occurred in Cherbourg, in Normandy, on Wednesday night. Some 70 men waited on the quayside to ambush lorries as they disembarked from the *Coutances*, owned by Brittany Ferries, on its arrival from Poole, in Dorset.

The protesters picked on a container lorry owned by Stuart Taylor International of Blackburn, Lancashire, forced open its rear doors, dumped part of the cargo of 27,000 fish into the water and poured dye on the rest.

Stuart Taylor, the haulage company's owner, said: "We lost the whole 19 tons. What the fishermen didn't know was that the cargo consisted of shark, ling, monkfish, grenadier and other species caught by French boats with all-French crews off the west of Scotland and landed at Lochinver. It was destined for customers in Lorient in Brittany."

Paul Docksey, a driver of another lorry, who witnessed the incident, said: "Some of the rioters had scarves wrapped round their faces. Two police cars carrying nine gendarmes and a minibus with a another five were present but did nothing."

The violence lasted for about 15 minutes, according to Mr Docksey. The fishermen then moved off after shaking hands and exchanging pleasantries with the police. "I then saw some of the police and port officials filling the boots of their cars with undamaged plastic tubs of iced fish that were still lying on the quayside."

Earlier on Wednesday, French fishermen raided a warehouse elsewhere in Brittany and destroyed 80 tons of fish, mostly from Poland, causing £130,000 worth of damage. Last week they ransacked a wholesale fish market near Paris, action that was followed by an increased package of financial aid from the French government and the imposition of tariffs on imported fish by the European Community.

In London, the agriculture ministry said yesterday it was aware of the incident and would be raising the matter with the French. John Major told the House of Commons last week that disruption of free trade by French fishermen was intolerable and that full compensation for any damage would be expected.

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Major does the honourable thing

BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

SOCIAL climbing, snobbery, pretension, and the elemental desire to highlight one's superior pedigree, have for centuries been components of the honours system.

The system has, for centuries, been based on the notion of society as a pyramid. However, the decline in deference that has accompanied the emergence of mass democracy has made it stand out like a sore thumb in the age of meritocracy.

The twice yearly honours lists often baffle. Although honoured by the Queen, the selection of civil servants, party workers, generals, ambassadors, entrepreneurs, entertainers and ordinary folk, is made by the prime minister.

The Tudors were the first to exploit systematically the craving of the middle classes for respectability by selling them honours. The emergence of democracy and constitutional monarchy in the nineteenth century put the honours system into the hands of elected politicians, adding the risk of corruption.

It was the auctioning of honours by Maundy Gregory, in an attempt to replenish the Liberal party's coffers between 1919 and 1922 that transformed the practice into a disreputable science.

Just as George V became exasperated at Gregory's trade, which led to the 1923 Honours (Prevention of Abuses) Act outlawing the sale of honours, so John Major, in pursuit a classless society, is smacking the more anachronistic elements of the honours system.

☐ The Military Cross and Military Medal are expected to be merged, although experts dispute claims that the bravery awards were introduced deliberately as one honour for officers, the other for men (Michael Evans writes).

The MC was instituted in 1914 because there was no appropriate gallantry award for junior officers. The MM was instituted in 1916.

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Tony Bland doctor asks pro-life groups to halt protests

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE doctor who cared for Tony Bland for four years until his death on Wednesday night said yesterday that he had no second thoughts about his actions. Dr Jim Howe appealed to pro-life campaigners to let the matter be.

Just days before Mr Bland died, his father, Allan, told BBC Radio 4: "He looks so peaceful. This is what we've been wanting. We've made him as comfortable as possible; the alternative would have been to wait for an infection, which would have been distressing. It's better than we thought."

The Rt Rev David Konstant, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds, whose diocese includes Airedale Hospital, expressed unease about Mr Bland's death: "It has pushed forward the boundaries of medicine and science. Whenever that happens there are always new moral and ethical questions to be considered."

The Rt Rev Konstant said the law needed to be looked at "very carefully" in the light of the death. "But I am certainly not in a position to criticise those who have taken the decision."

Dr Howe, who switched off the 22-year-old Hillsborough victim's feeding machine 11 days ago, condemned as foolish the pledge by James Morrow, a former Scottish Roman Catholic priest, to take out a private prosecution for murder against him.

Dr Howe said: "It is sad when anyone's life comes to an end, but Tony's life really ended almost four years ago in the Hillsborough stadium in Sheffield. So the sadness is eased by a sense of relief that his, and his family's, long ordeal has finally come to an end. Tony's parents are very relieved that their son's death was peaceful and quiet."

Opening the inquest yesterday, James Turnbull, the Bradford coroner, said that Mr Bland died of kidney failure on Wednesday evening, following extensive head and chest crush injuries at Sheffield Wednesday's football ground in 1989. His injuries left him in a persistent vegetative state, unable to think, speak, feel or hear. He will be cremated in his home town of Keighley on Monday.

Mr Turnbull paid tribute to Mr Bland's parents who, he said, had been "calm and dignified" throughout the whole ordeal. He also praised the staff who nursed Mr Bland at Airedale NHS Hospital, Keighley, West Yorkshire: "I want to assure them in public that what they did was superlative." A full inquest will follow.

Mr Bland's parents, who were with their son when he died at 9.30pm on Wednesday, yesterday asked that they be allowed to grieve privately as they attended the funeral of Elizabeth Bland, Tony Bland's grandmother, who died in the same hospital five days ago.

Tony's name will now be added to the memorial to the Hillsborough victims at Liverpool Football Club's Anfield stadium, and a minute's silence will be observed in his memory before Saturday's home match against Manchester United.

Pro-life campaigners, who had protested outside the hospital since the final ruling, condemned the decision to allow Mr Bland to die. A spokesman for The Campaign Against Medical Killing said: "Tony Bland will be remembered not as the last victim of the Hillsborough disaster, but as the first victim of legalised euthanasia."



Bland: died quietly and peacefully

And the bride wore black for fashion week



DENZIL McNEELANCE

Best of British: while many of the leading names are absent from London Fashion Week this year, the top British designer Caroline Charles was putting on the style at the Ritz hotel yesterday. At the launch of the week, the showcase for Britain's £7 billion clothing industry, she signalled a comeback for rich fabrics and opulence with gothic overtones. Her collection included a black wedding dress, left, featuring a satin skirt with embroidered chiffon bodice and spectacular headdress. Head-gear also played a big part in some of her other creations. Clothing industry chiefs are optimistic about the industry's future, despite the government paying £30,000 to underwrite half the week's costs. Roger Saul of Mulberry, which has 40 shops worldwide, said sensible pricing would be important this year.

Police quest to trace missing £4m delays Guppy sentence

BY A STAFF REPORTER

SENTENCING of the convicted fraudster Darius Guppy and his business associate was unexpectedly delayed yesterday. Increased police efforts to trace up to £4 million thought to have been paid into Swiss bank accounts were believed to be the reason.

The development came as the pair returned to Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, where last month they were found guilty of a meticulously planned fraud centred on a bogus armed robbery in a New York hotel.

Guppy, an Old Etonian, and his Oxford contemporary Benedict Marsh were expected to be sentenced for that and separate VAT offences involving gold smuggled to India. After hearing the Crown describe the "web of deceit" surrounding their fraudulent claims for the repayment of nearly £200,000 VAT, John Kelsey-Fry, for Marsh, asked Judge Andrew Brooks to delay pronouncing the men's fate.

During the three-month insurance fraud trial it emerged that a large slice of the £1.8 million Lloyds of London paid out after the 1990 bogus hold-up and other large amounts swindled from the men's gem company had never been recovered.

As the defendants were led from the dock Guppy's wife, Patricia, who is pregnant, rushed to his side and kissed him. She told him: "Don't forget to do what you said you would do. Darius, don't let me down." Guppy, who has spent over two weeks in Brixton prison since his conviction, had earlier mouthed across the court "I love you" to her.

Guppy pleaded guilty to three charges relating to the illegal VAT claims between October 1989 and July 1990 and Marsh admitted one of the offences. Anthony Glass QC, for the prosecution, told the court the charges arose from forged export documentation produced to Customs and Excise by the two in an attempt to support a false story that they had been exporting gold to Switzerland.

Woman fights for life after assault

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

DETECTIVES were last night waiting at the bedside of a young mother fighting for her life after being sexually assaulted, clubbed unconscious and left to die on the Sussex Downs.

The woman, holidaying in Brighton with a friend, was found by a jogger after she had lain half-dressed in freezing weather all night at a beauty spot known as Poor Man's Corner above the town. She was last seen leaving a Brighton public house with a man late the night before.

Yesterday Det. Supt Michael Bennison, leading the investigation, said: "This was a very sadistic attack. It was extremely violent and the attacker must be caught very quickly. The woman was very badly beaten and the prime concern at this moment is to save her life."

The 24-year-old woman was taken unconscious to the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, and later transferred to a neurological unit at Hurstwood Park Hospital, Haywards Heath. Her condition was serious but stable. She had severe head injuries, bruising over the rest of her body and may have been raped. She was also being treated for hypothermia. Police believe she was attacked close to where she was found.

The woman, who has two children, is unemployed. Detectives could not confirm whether she is married. Yesterday they were trying to contact relatives before releasing her name. She came to Brighton earlier this week with a friend from their home in Telford, Shropshire.

Jail term increased for rapist

A BURGLAR sentenced to seven years for the rape and manslaughter of a woman aged 61 had his jail term raised to 11 years yesterday.

The Court of Appeal allowed a plea by the attorney-general that the sentence passed on Raymond Oxborough last September was unduly lenient. Oxborough, 30, of Leeds, pleaded guilty to burglary and rape and was convicted of manslaughter after a trial to decide whether his actions caused the woman's death three days after her ordeal.

Mr Justice Garland sentenced him to concurrent terms of seven years for manslaughter, three-and-a-half years for burglary and five years for rape.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, said yesterday that the accepted starting point in sentencing for such a rape was eight years and there were aggravating features in Oxborough's case. The appeal judges substituted concurrent terms of nine years for rape and 11 years for manslaughter.

Teenager's love quest ends in deep water

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGER was so desperate to see a French schoolgirl he had fallen in love with that he stole a 10ft inflatable boat and tried to cross the Channel, a court was told yesterday.

David Burnett, a boatworker aged 18, planned to use a diary map to navigate across some of the busiest shipping lanes in the world. Ian Taylor, for the prosecution at Truro Crown Court, said that when Burnett came alongside a trawler 25 miles out from the English coast he asked: "Am I going in the right direction for France?"

The crew told him: "No. You are heading out into the Atlantic and the next landfall is Canada." The trawler took him in tow and brought him back to Falmouth, Cornwall, where he was arrested by police, the court was told.

"He met a French schoolgirl when she was on a study course in Falmouth and was keen to see her again, but the only way he could get across the Channel was to take a boat," Mr Taylor said.

Burnett, of Falmouth, admitted taking the £3,200 inflatable from the Penryn river without consent. Sentence was adjourned.



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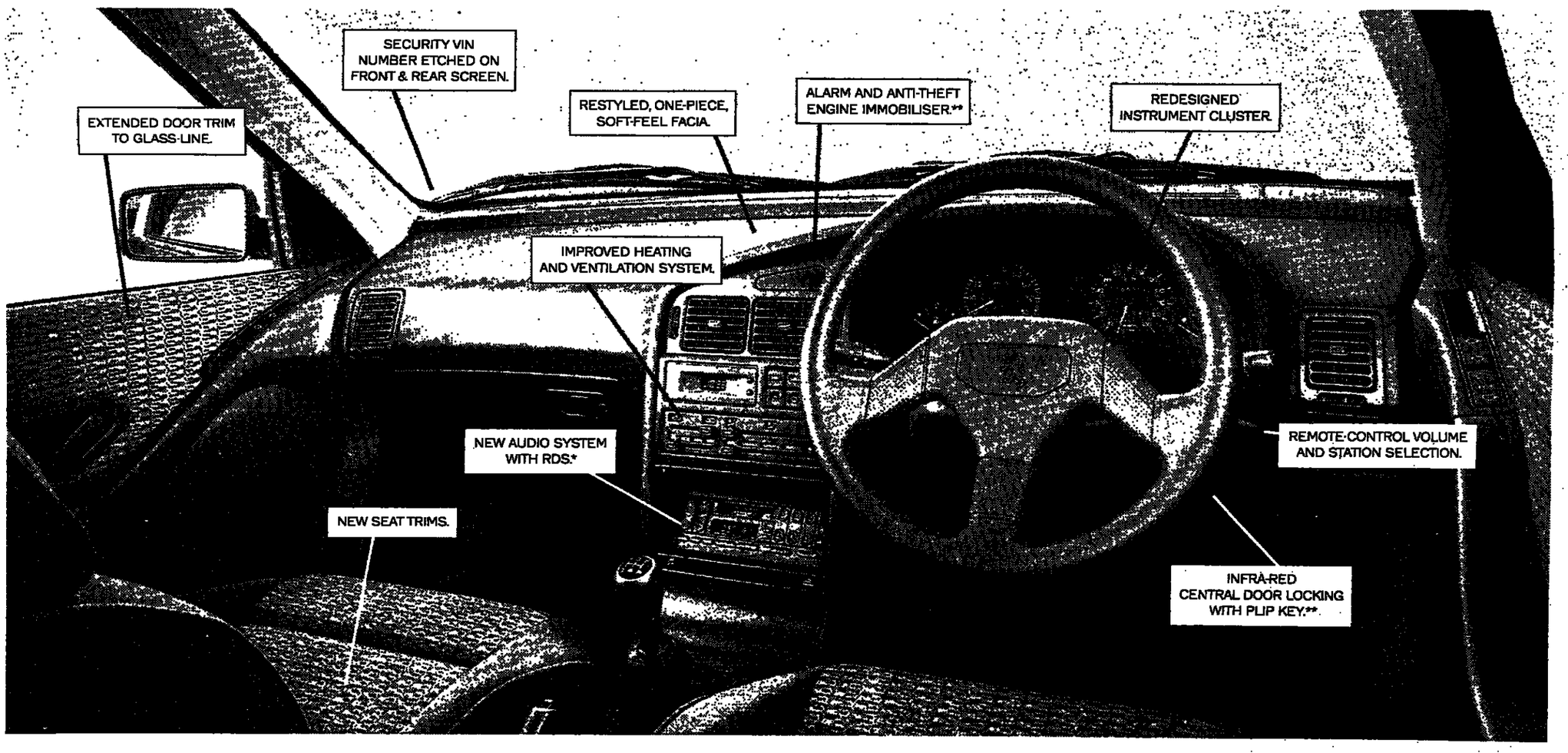
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Unexplained fees head list of worries

Banks' conduct code fails to halt rise in customer complaints

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

THE banks' code of conduct, launched last year amid much publicity, has failed to stop a flood of complaints from customers, and the situation is getting worse, a banking consumer group said yesterday.

Complaints against banks would run into "hundreds of thousands" if customers had an independent arbitrator, Stuart Cliffe, chairman of the Association of Bank Customers, said. Action can be taken only through the courts or the banking ombudsman.

The association has received thousands of calls in its eight months of operation, mostly about excessive or unexplained bank charges. The association could, on the basis of complaints made to it so far, present at least 10,000 cases for independent settlement in the next 12 months, Mr Cliffe said. "The figure nationally would run into hundreds of thousands," he said. "Confidence in banks and the banking ombudsman is very low."

The continued rise in complaints is confirmed by the banking ombudsman's office. Levels have shown little sign of abating since its annual report in December recorded a 60 per cent increase for 1992, to more than 10,000. Bank charges and interest rates headed the list of complaints. The addition last month of small business customers to the ombudsman's brief is expected to cause a further rise.

Under the code drawn up last spring, banks are obliged to send customers their tariff of charges, and to warn them of any increases. It was hoped that this, and other changes, would cut complaints.

However, although the ombudsman can rule on cases of miscalculation or maladministration, he cannot rule on whether charges are exorbitant. "Banks may be passing on reductions in interest rates to customers, but they seem to be compensating through fees they charge," Mr Cliffe said.

Complaints to the association this week include a charge of £90 for a half-hour meeting with a bank manager to discuss opening a business account; an 11 per cent rise in charges on a small business account under a new branch manager; and a customer being persuaded to convert an overdraft into a loan facility "under a similar arrangement" and being charged a £200 administration fee.

"Several of our 4,000 members have said they have never seen a tariff," Mr Cliffe said.

Graeme Jacobs, of the Consumers' Association, whose report on bank charges last year showed that one in ten customers had been overcharged, said that although charges were fixed, it was at the discretion of branches whether they were imposed. "It seems they almost pick on the customers least likely to complain," he said.

As Barclays Bank reeled yesterday from record losses, its press office countered reports that it overcharged a small business customer. Hamid Majdi was reportedly charged £200, including £72 for a short meeting with a branch manager and £50 for four two-minute telephone calls, after going £200 over a £2,000 overdraft limit.

Barclays said the charge was for small business fees for a quarter. The £72 covered several hours' management time. "The manager was trying to keep penalties against the client to a minimum."

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MARC ASPLAND



In the dog house: Raf, one of two German pointers trained to sniff out drugs at airports and alert security staff by sitting quietly by the suspect. Just after demonstrating such skills at Heathrow yesterday, Raf barked madly and excitedly found 7 kilos of cannabis

Privacy fear causes credit card enquiry

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ANYONE can gain access to the personal details of National Westminster Bank credit card customers armed with little more than their date of birth and account number.

Five months after the bank's security procedures were criticised when account details belonging to Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, were leaked, a fresh enquiry is under way into the bank's new Card Line service.

George Zmijewski, an independent computer security expert, said yesterday that he had been astounded at the laxity of the service's security.

"On Wednesday I got my NatWest credit card with a booklet. I dialled up and was amazed. You can get someone else's card number in all sorts of ways, and getting a date of birth is not hard, either," he said.

"There is nothing to stop me setting my computer to dial their computer and try up to 10,000 combinations," said Mr Zmijewski, who has carried out computer consultancy for the Bank of Wales.

"It really is a joke. They carry out an internal enquiry into how Norman Lamont's credit card details were released and yet with this service you can find them out in ten seconds."

A study into the Card Line service is being carried out by the office of the Data Protection Registrar, which is examining the circumstances surrounding the leaking of the Chancellor's account details.

It is possible that the bank has broken the principles of the data protection laws. A spokesman for the office said: "It [the Card Line service] raises questions under the Data Protection Act as to whether appropriate security measures are being taken to prevent the release of information to the wrong person."

The service allows customers to dial a number and talk to a voice-activated computer that will disclose information such as a cardholder's credit limit and level of debt. Unlike a cashpoint card, the Card Line service requires no special number to gain access but a widely publicised authorisation code, 01.

The artificial voice asks a caller to speak or dial an account's credit card number and a six figure birth-date.

A spokesman for NatWest said it was looking into ways of making the service more secure without compromising its ease of use.

Open heart surgery questioned

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

OPEN heart surgery is no better at saving lives than simpler treatment, according to early results from the first big trial of its effectiveness.

But surgery is better at controlling chest pain and leads to fewer complications later, according to findings published in tomorrow's *Lancet*.

Coronary bypass surgery, developed 25 years ago, is being superseded by the less invasive technique of balloon angioplasty, which is simpler to perform, less painful and leads to quicker recovery.

The trial of 1,000 patients, organised by British cardiac specialists, looked at both techniques. The surgery is a major operation requiring a week's stay in hospital.

Angioplasty involves threading a tube through an artery in the groin up to the heart, where a small balloon is inflated to widen the constriction in the coronary artery. It may require only a day in hospital.

Results show that after two and a half years there was no difference in the death rate or subsequent heart attacks. However, nearly a third of the angioplasty group needed further hospital treatment, compared with only 5 per cent of the coronary bypass group.

Pollution hastens first sneeze

BY OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SUMMER may be months away but hay fever has already arrived, the result of the twin effects of global warming and car pollution.

The mild winter has encouraged trees to flower early, spraying pollen into streets bathed in nitrogen dioxide from car exhausts. Alder, hazel, yew and elm trees are festooned with buds at least two weeks ahead of normal, and there is even a grain or two of grass pollen in the air.

A combination of factors is responsible for the early flowering, according to Dr Jean Emberlin, director of the pollen research unit in London. "We had a spell of cold weather in December which the trees need to break their winter dormancy. If there is no cold spell they don't grow again. Then we had a burst of warmth in January which set them off. It is likely to be a severe season for people sensitive to birch pollen."

Studies show that pollutants from car exhausts worsen the symptoms of existing hay fever sufferers and predispose non-sufferers to develop the allergy. A survey by the environment department last year showed that nitrogen dioxide levels had increased by 35 per cent since 1986 "largely as a result of motor traffic growth".



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Cardinal Hume: 'This could be conversion of England for which we have prayed all these years'

Catholic bishops close to deal with Anglican rebels

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

■ The Roman Catholic Church is preparing a welcome for Church of England priests against the ordination of women

ROMAN Catholic bishops are close to agreeing a formula which could allow Anglican clergy opposed to the ordination of women to join the Catholic church while retaining their priesthood and elements of Anglican identity.

Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, believes he could be witnessing "the conversion of England, for which we have prayed all these years". He has twice met bishops in Leeds and Westminster and has had talks with a committee of four senior bishops. The Vatican has been kept informed.

Sources close to the bishops said they did not favour two of the suggestions put forward by the former Anglican bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard. They do not favour a Uniate rite, as used by eastern Catholic churches which are in full communion with Rome while maintaining their original traditions; nor do they support the idea of a personal prelature, as used by the movement Opus Dei, which comes under the personal jurisdiction of the Pope and which is not defined territorially.

More likely is an agreement to allow the Anglican rite to operate within the diocesan structure of the Catholic church in England. The hurdle presented by the Vatican's refusal to accept the validity of Anglican orders could be overcome by "conditional" reordination. This would not deny the validity of past absolutions, eucharists and other sacraments carried out by the Anglican clergy, but would mean they were ordained properly as Catholic priests.

Dr Leonard said: "There is no question of a pact or an agreement. What I am hoping is that Rome may come up with a proposal for us which we would then have to respond to. They are looking at and recognising our difficulties."

Cardinal Hume is understood to be sympathetic to Dr Leonard. In an interview in the Catholic weekly *The Tablet*, Cardinal Hume is quoted as saying: "This could be a big moment of grace, it could be the conversion of England, for which we have prayed all these years. I am terrified now we are going to turn round and say we do not want these newcomers. We have prayed for Christian unity and now it could be happening: a realignment of English Christianity so as to bring us closer together, in two blocs, instead of two lots of blocs."

The advice of the Vatican will not be sought officially until the bishops' conference of England and Wales meets after Easter, when provisional plans are expected to be announced. Latest estimates suggest that between 500 and 1,000 priests could be interested in pursuing an acceptable "Roman option".

The Rev Peter Weatherby, vicar of St Werburgh, Burslem, Staffordshire, , who is married with five children, said one member of his congregation supported women priests and all others were against.

The "Roman option", which could mean the loss of his £12,000 stipend and church building, will be discussed at the parochial church council next week, although like most Anglicans considering their future he will wait to see what is offered before making up his mind.

"We do not know quite what the terms would be. I suspect that my people would feel that the crucial thing is to be able to take the church building."

CHRIS HARRIS



Considering the option: the Rev Peter Weatherby, with his wife, says he will wait and see what is on offer

Condon to streamline top ranks

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

TOP and middle-ranking police officers at Scotland Yard face early retirement under a reorganisation plan drawn up by Paul Condon, the new Commissioner of the Metropolitan police, to put a thousand officers back on London's streets.

Mr Condon said changes to streamline policing would mean that older chief superintendents and superintendents could leave as well as commanders, deputy assistant commissioners and even several assistant commissioners.

Under the plan, Mr Condon will have a force run by five officers holding the rank of chief constable who will be answerable to a Yard "cabinet" including Mr Condon and two or three senior officers.

The number of police divisions will be reduced from 69 to 50. Mr Condon said the changes were desirable for better management and finance.

He said: "We are saying that above police station level things need to be located on a needs basis and not because of common or established practice. It will be more difficult for Scotland Yard to stifle local plans or initiatives."

Mr Condon said he would be disappointed if the number of officers moved back to the streets does not reach 1,000 by the spring of next year. At least 700 are already earmarked to move.

Mr Condon said more officers on the streets would not immediately reduce crime but they would improve public confidence and allow for more direct action to prevent crime. He promised that one consequence will be a big reduction in burglaries this year.

The picture of crime in London was not as grim as has been painted recently, he said. He pointed out that figures for 1992 show that crime rose in London by only 1 to 2 per cent last year. Figures for January this year compared with January last year showed a drop of 4 per cent on all crime. Burglaries also showed a slight reduction.

Police chief fears panic reforms

BY OUR CRIME CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S crime problems will be made worse if the government turns to panic measures to reform and reorganise policing, a chief constable claims today.

The call for a careful assessment of policing needs comes from Sir Roger Birch, chief constable of Sussex and a former leader of the Association of Chief Police Officers. Speaking at a conference on policing and local authorities, Sir Roger will urge Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, to make changes based on rational thinking and research rather than in an atmosphere of emotional and political reaction.

Sir Roger will argue that there is a complex social problem behind present levels of crime that is outside the control of the police alone. Increasing crime is the result of moral degeneration, a lack of ethical standards, guidance and direction for the young and a failure by parents to teach children the difference between right and wrong.

Speaking as Mr Clarke prepares his first pronouncement on reform plans, Sir Roger will oppose restrictions on police work based on what he sees as narrow guidelines on productivity such as the number of 999 calls answered or arrests made.

He will speak against short-term contracts for junior officers which would damage morale and will argue that removing local accountability by changing police authorities would cut off police from the public. He will also reject proposals for centralising police funding.

Sir Roger, who retires later this year, will say that he is not opposed to change but urges caution. He will say reform should not affect the police only. Mr Clarke's own department and its bureaucracy could be examined. The Home Office's police department has little or no direct professional knowledge of the police service and this has caused a gulf between Whitehall and the police, he claims.

Cement lorry protest halts burial service

THE burial of a husband next to the wife he killed was halted yesterday when her brother blocked the entrance to the church with his concrete mixing lorry in protest.

As the funeral cortège found its way barred to St Peter's Church in the village of Lingwood, near Norwich, there was uproar among mourners and police were called.

The body of Kenneth Lynn was due to be buried next to his wife Paulette, whom he had stabbed to death seven years ago after she left him for her lover. Mr Lynn's dying wish was to lie beside the woman he had been married to for 25 years. However, after her brother, Bob Willimott, blocked the way, the priest called off the burial.

Another service will be arranged in the same cemetery, but in a fresh grave.

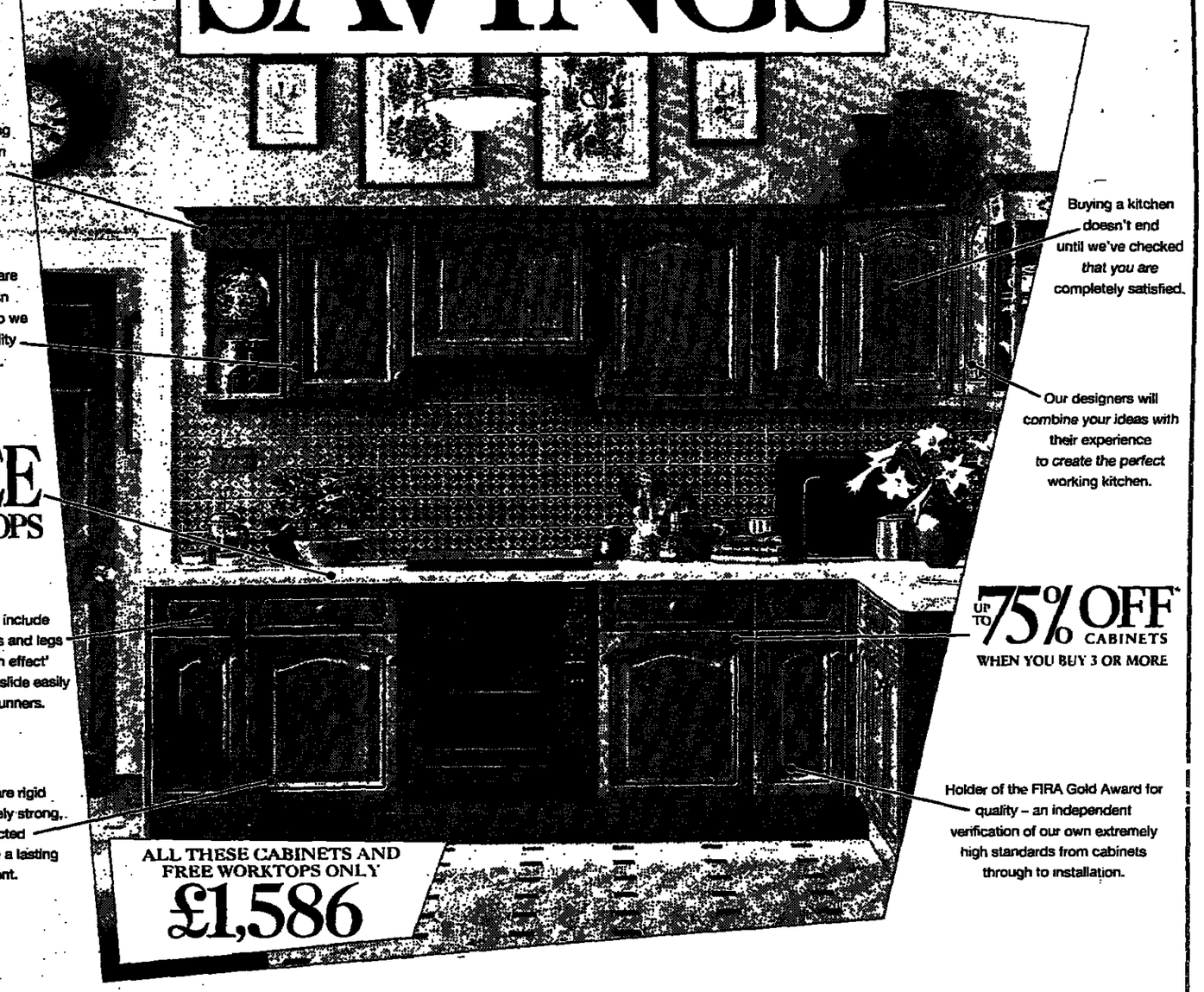
Mr Lynn, who died last week of natural causes, aged 57, had been sentenced to three years probation after admitting the manslaughter of his 47-year-old wife. He had tried to kill himself on a railway line after stabbing her but had survived.

The dead woman's mother, Ruby Willimott, 77, said: "How could I go and put flowers on her grave if he was there as well? It has made me feel sick."

Bob Willimott said: "The Church of England were quite prepared to bury him with my sister. It is disgraceful and it is simply not going to happen. Hopefully, my sister can now rest in peace."

The rector of Lingwood, the Rev Ivor Welch, said the situation was extremely difficult. "I have to minister to both parties," he said. The dead man's sons had been anxious to carry out his last wish.

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Slump forces Tories to change tack on free-market policies

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ Although John Major denies a rift with Thatcherism, new economic circumstances are likely to prompt a change of approach

JOHN Major and the Conservative party remain fond of the language of the free market. But the longest recession since the 1930s may now be pushing the government into a more active policy to boost manufacturing. It is not ideology but the force of economic logic that is forcing a change of approach.

An increasingly powerful group of economists — some now employed by the government as independent advisers — are in no doubt that the share of manufacturing in the British economy must be boosted, reversing the huge capacity loss of the early 1980s and a more modest, but still considerable, loss this time around.

They believe the *laissez-faire* policies which saw the Conservatives scrape home in the last election are no longer enough. The Liberal Democrats had a stab at a coherent industrial policy in their pre-election pamphlets and the Labour party offered a vaguely costed, but comprehensive and traditional, programme of capital allowances for investment, grants for research and development and a fully-fledged industrial regional policy.

The Conservative party, represented then by Peter Lilley at the Department of Trade and Industry, limited itself largely to enthusiasm about the free market, inward investment, a few science parks and a level playing field in international trade. The phrase "manufacturing matters" crept into the pre-election rhetoric but there was still a stern resistance to corporatism or intervention.

The danger signals from this policy are already there for all to see in the form of a huge current account deficit in the middle of a recession. Britons have gone on consuming imported goods at a rate which exceeds the capacity of manufacturing industry either to supply them from the home market or to balance the national accounts with a large enough volume of exports. The car market, for example, into which Aston Martin's new DB7 is about to be launched, will hope to benefit from a pick-up in UK sales, but also needs to battle for export orders as Continental markets drift towards recession.

> **'The government should use every kind of cheating used by other governments to promote their products'**

Bill Martin, chief economist of Phillips & Drew, believes that the capacity of manufacturing industry is now so emaciated that Britain can grow only at about 1.5 per cent a year without running into a balance of payments crisis. The problem is one of simple arithmetic: while consumption has grown by about 30 per cent since the end of the 1970s, the capacity of manufacturing industry has remained static.

For this reason, Mr Martin — and many others — believe that recovery from recession this time must be led by investment and exports rather than by a revival in consumption. It is this balance which is relevant rather than a sterile, pseudo-emotional argument about the intrinsic value of nuts and bolts versus hairdressing or theme parks.

Professor Wynne Godley, of the Cambridge Economic Policy Group, who was recently plucked from the Thatcherite political wilderness to become one of the Treasury's new panel of independent forecasters (and therefore perhaps symbolic of the glimmerings of ideological change in Whitehall), believes the debate between manufacturing and services is a false one.

"If manufacturing employed only one man in a white coat working on a computer, but he was tremendously efficient and increased the volume of sales and exports and even dispensed with the need for imports, it would be fine for everybody else to be employed in service industries," he said. What matters is, quite literally, "paying our way in the world".

The force of the argument in favour of manufacturing now appears to be winning. But the question remains how much the government can do to reverse the decline which has been taking place since the war and which accelerated in the 1980s.

Some, notably Professor Godley's companion on the Forecasting Panel, Professor Patrick Minford, believe that market forces work their own magic and that recovery from this recession will come naturally because workers with an eye on the unemployment queues "will price themselves into jobs and enable firms to price themselves into world markets".

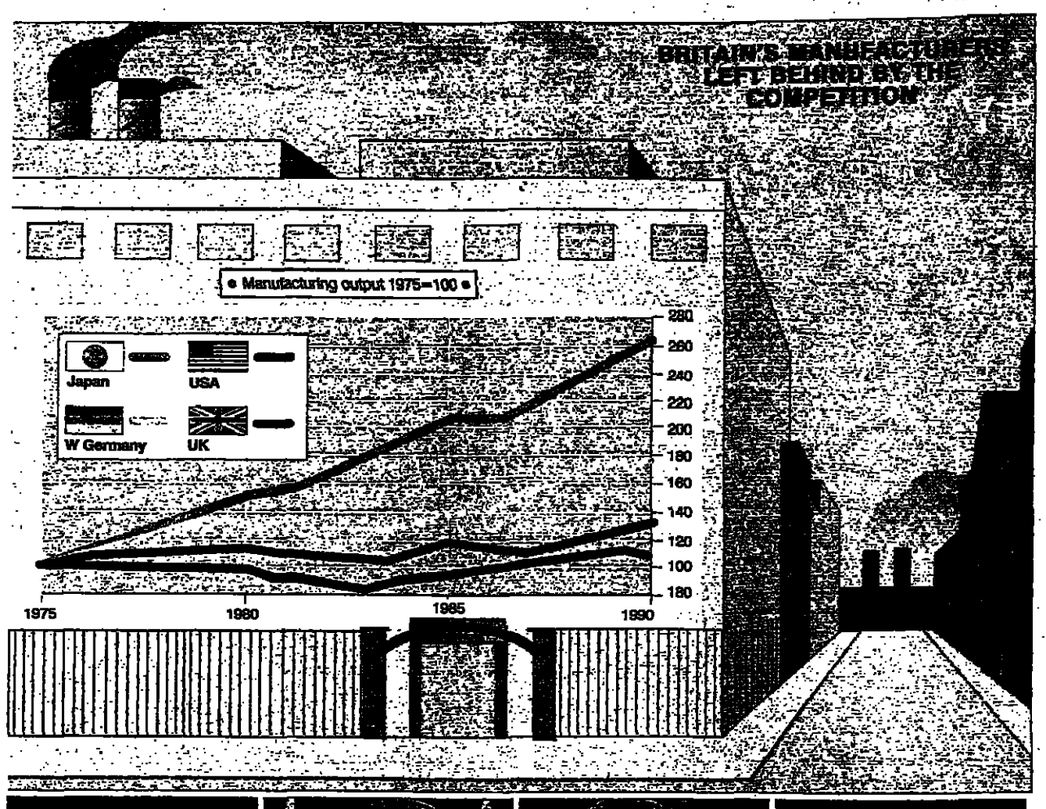
An increasing number of others believe the government must reassume at least a facilitating role. For some, correctly setting the macro-economic levers would probably be enough to generate a revival in the tradeable goods sector of the economy. Mr Martin believes there should be two main policy aims: to improve competitiveness in the economy and to reduce consumption as a proportion of gross domestic product. The tools to achieve these would be a cheap exchange rate with a further substantial devaluation of the pound and tax rises to keep the consumer battened down.

There are ways in which the government could offer practical help on the margins. Professor Godley, also a proponent of further sterling devaluation (perhaps another 10 per cent) believes the government should, at least, offer an array of capital allowances on investment. It should also, instead of what he calls "the insane stampede towards free markets", jump on the unlevel playing field which reigns in Europe.

"The EC is not a free trade system. What is the Common Agricultural Policy except monstrous protectionism? The British government should use every kind of cheating that other governments use to promote their products. We must learn to play this game of European crazy golf."

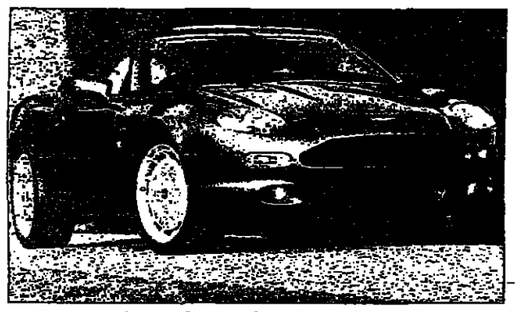
Beyond that, there is the perennial need for better education and training to boost the skills of the British workforce. That is the constant mantra of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, run by Andrew Britton (another Forecasting Panel member).

All of this needs a long-term strategy and Mr Britton remains sceptical that the government has squared up to the challenges. He said: "John Major is clearly saying what industry wants him to say. It's a confidence-building exercise. But I have yet to hear anything concrete which turns this into policy rather than rhetoric."





Voices of industry: left to right, Sir David Lees, Howard Davies, Sir Michael Angus and Peter Morgan, who are calling for greater investment to spearhead a recovery driven by production and exports



Recovery hope: Cars such as Aston Martin's new DB7 need to capture sales at home and abroad

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CBI calls for action to boost exports

BY DEREK HARRIS

BRITAIN'S industrialists are calling for better investment allowances, support for exporters and help for small businesses in the Budget to back the prime minister's plea for a stronger manufacturing base.

The Confederation of British Industry (CBI) says that 43 British companies already appear among the biggest 500 in the world — against only 33 from Germany — but there are many more average performers that could be brought up to world class.

Howard Davies, the CBI's director general, said yesterday: "We need an export and production-led recovery, otherwise we will quickly run up against a balance of payments restraint, as the prime minister now recognises. I hope the Treasury is listening. What we need now is some action on export support."

The CBI has set a target for British manufacturers to capture at least another 1 per cent of the world market for manufactured goods. That would eliminate Britain's trade deficit, according to the CBI, whose national manufacturing council has called for a partnership for action between industry, the financial community and the government.

The CBI admits that industry can do more to turn into a genuine partnership the relationship between manufacturers and sources suppliers of raw materials and components.

More investment into the UK from abroad was called for by Peter Morgan, director general of the Institute of Directors (IoD). Foreign investment had enabled Britain to become a net exporter of television sets and other electronic equipment, he said. Similar success could be enjoyed in car manufacturing, especially if Mazda could be attracted to Britain in the tracks of Nissan and Toyota.

Mr Morgan said: "We must ensure that the deregulation programme and the tax structure are designed to remove all obstacles to such investment."

He welcomed Mr Major's emphasis on the need to broaden the country's industrial base as the way to tackle its deficits in trade and employment.

It was down to manufacturers to turn out more products and exploit more markets, Mr Morgan said. He added: "We are getting very good at producing what we are doing in a lean and mean fashion; but the issue now is to produce more things." It was also necessary to encourage the creation and growth of small businesses.

Sir David Lees, chairman and chief executive of GKN, who chairs the CBI's economics committee, is leading a campaign for the government to raise industrial investment allowances to 40 per cent.

Another area which particularly needs government intervention, according to Sir Michael Angus, president of the CBI and deputy chairman of British Airways, is unfair competition in the European Community.

Tactful silence conceals the cabinet dissidents

PETER RIDDELL

"APART from the Budget-making process, and of course the political matters we discussed at ministerial prayer meetings, he chose not to contribute to the discussion of any Treasury matter which did not have a public expenditure dimension." So wrote Nigel Lawson about John Major, his then deputy and chief secretary to the Treasury, in his *The View from Number 11*.

The row about whether the reticent Mr Major was a secret dissident — a CBI *refusenik* — in the 1980s over the Thatcher government's views on manufacturing is really much ado about nothing. However, it highlights the prime minister's real views and the extent to which even senior ministers can dissent.

The relative share of manufacturing in the economy has been declining for some time in Britain, as in other countries. In the 1980s, manufacturing was under pressure as a result of what Lord Lawson of Blaby described as "the crowding-out effect of North Sea oil", which pushed up the pound and made exports less competitive.

An impression developed during the 1980s that manufacturing did not merit special attention relative to other sectors such as services. That was partly because of a reaction against the 1970s type of intervention in industry. So government had to be seen to be hands-off.

The main advocates of the government line were Lord Lawson and Lord Young of Graffham. Baroness Thatcher herself was always something of a mercantilist, keen to support British manufacturing companies in gaining overseas contracts.

Mr Major did have doubts about the prevailing Treasury orthodoxy, but these were confined to murmurings in private discussions. He did not raise the issue more openly with Lady Thatcher, though in the 1989-90 period he did have talks with some colleagues, including Sir Geoffrey Howe, who was by then Leader of the Commons, but the matter went no further.

From June 1987, when he entered the cabinet, until November 1990, when he became prime minister, Mr Major was a model of public loyalty and discretion. That was why he won the sponsorship and support of Lady Thatcher. She did not realise his doubts about some of her policies.

Even in private, Mr Major only signalled reservations about the poll tax, which he always recognised would end in expensive tears, and about European policy.

After he was appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer, he became persuaded in the first half of 1990 of the desirability — on political as much as economic grounds — of entry into the exchange-rate mechanism. It was pressure from Mr Major and Douglas Hurd that forced Lady Thatcher to accept the case for entry.



Lawson: an advocate of hands-off policy

With rare exceptions, such as Tony Benn in the second half of the 1970s and Peter Walker during the 1980s, there are limits to how far senior ministers can openly dissent while remaining in a cabinet.

In general, ministers go along with the majority view and keep at least semi-silent unless an issue is of supreme importance. Even Lady Thatcher did not reveal her doubts about the Heath administration's U-turn on economic and industrial policy until after the Tories lost office in 1974. She was no cabinet dissident; her public conversion to monetarism came later. Mr Major himself knows that a few of his cabinet colleagues, such as Michael Portillo and Peter Lilley, would hardly be mortified if the government failed to ratify the Maastricht treaty. But they are publicly loyal and recognise Mr Major's political need for the bill to be approved.

All that yesterday's short-lived Westminster squall shows is that cabinets are not unanimous in their views but that, generally, senior ministers keep their doubts quiet until later, especially if they want to lead their parties.

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East coast braced for tidal assault on battered sea defences

BY TIM JONES

HOUSEHOLDERS along the east coast of England were yesterday preparing flood defences against a tidal surge of the North Sea. Some are considering moving inland if strong winds twist in from the north to pile up water against newly repaired sea defences.

Today, senior officials of the Meteorological Office's storm tide warning service will run a computer model of weather patterns to assess the risk to coastline from the Humber to the Thames estuaries.

The predictions were yesterday pointing to benign southerly winds. But forecasters conceded they could not discount the threat of a tide surge storm.

Chris Birks, the head of flood defence at the National Rivers Authority (NRA), said: "We have invested vast amounts of money in flood defences during the past 40 years and they are in reasonable condition. But it is not inconceivable that a worse storm than they are designed for could occur."

Spring tides will be exceptionally high on March 10 and 11 because a full moon will be close to Earth. The gravitational strength of the moon will also be increased because of the equinox.

Mr Birks said: "If there are no high winds the people in eastern England could well see lower tides next week than they did during the localised flooding on February 21."

Richard Austin, the postmaster at Aldeburgh, in Suffolk, which was flooded two weeks ago by a classic surge, said: "People are perturbed by the possibility of an even worse combination of wind and tide. The community seems to be divided, with half the people saying there is not enough information while others consider the authorities are being too cautious. Elderly people living on the sea front are particularly troubled, and although sandbags look effective they are no real defence."

Chris Ramsden, an engineer with the National Rivers Authority, said: "If these tides combine with a surge of the kind that occurred last month, then sea defences would be breached."

If that happens, a sophisticated and well-practised emergency plan will be put into action to cover almost 1,000 miles of sea defences, including hundreds of water gates that would be shut hours before the surge hit shore.

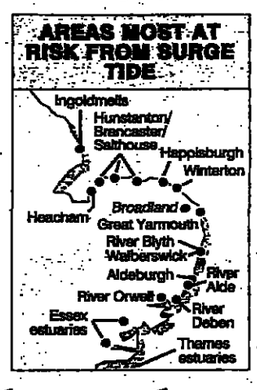
Once an unstoppable surge was confirmed, emergency control officers from the NRA, county councils and the police would immediately begin their safety procedures.

If it appeared likely that flood defences would be breached, the warnings would go through various stages until reaching the critical "flood arouse" and red "flood alarm".

Peter Daly, emergency planning officer for Norfolk county council, said: "We are keeping our fingers crossed that the current weather patterns will remain, but if a surge occurs we would expect plenty of warning to put our plans into action."

These include volunteers who would stand near danger points to report on possible breaches and in extreme cases the sounding of old wartime civil defence sirens to warn people to evacuate their homes.

Three operational centres in the country would be opened to co-ordinate the emergency effort and they would receive constant updates from the storm tide warning service.



Land sinks under legacy of Ice Age

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE threat of high tides comes at a time of growing debate over the future of Britain's flood defences. Greatest concern is over the low-lying eastern and south-eastern parts of the country, where the coast is slowly sinking into the sea as the land mass recovers its equilibrium after the last Ice Age. Global warming could further increase the danger of flooding.

Britain has 1,375 miles of sea defences, including concrete walls, earth banks and groynes. About 15 per cent of these need repair, according to a National Rivers Authority survey. Building a new hard sea wall can cost up to £5 million a mile. In 1992-3 the government spent £32 million on flood defence.

There is growing support for the view that it does not make sense to maintain all these defences, particularly where they protect low-lying land remote from towns.

In some areas, scientists say, sea walls have done more harm than good. Salt marshes and mudflats, which act as flood defences by dissipating the force of the waves, have been eroded as they have been "squeezed" between the sea and fixed defences.



Queen of the dance: Anna Pavlova in *Dying Swan*, left, in *The Russian Dance*, above right, and at home

Russia asks to take home Pavlova

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE Russian government is asking for the return of the ashes of the ballerina Anna Pavlova, which are kept in a London crematorium.

Pavlova died in her sleep in The Hague in 1931 after a heart complaint forced her to abandon planned performances there. Victor Dandré, her widower with whom she had lived at Ivy House in North End Road, Golders Green, for almost 20 years, arranged to bring her body back to Britain. At Golders Green crematorium in north-west London Pavlova's urn, draped with her satin ballet shoes, draws more visitors than the nearby ashes of two other celebrities, Sigmund Freud and Ivor Novello.

A spokesman for the crematorium said yesterday that the Russian claim for Pavlova's return was being investigated. The ballerina was born in St Petersburg in 1885, attended the Imperial Ballet school there, and started performing with the Marinsky Theatre.

Outside Russia, her career was most closely linked with Britain. Her international fame was established at the Palace Theatre in London in 1910 when she was dancing with Nijinsky for Diaghilev. She made her home in London, chose many of her dancers for her own company there, and danced in almost every city in Britain.

Harvey Thomas, a director of the crematorium, said: "We are not sure if the ashes can be moved. I am attempting to trace relatives. Pavlova did not have children and did not leave a will. The board will make a decision after I have made my report."

Adolescents hold key to successful evolution

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY

ADOLESCENCE, often seen as a time of acne, emotional anxiety and sometimes delinquent behaviour, has been a key ingredient in humanity's evolutionary success, a leading anthropologist suggests in this week's *New Scientist*.

The growth spurt between puberty and adulthood exists in no other animal species, not even apes, according to Professor Barry Bogin of Michigan University.

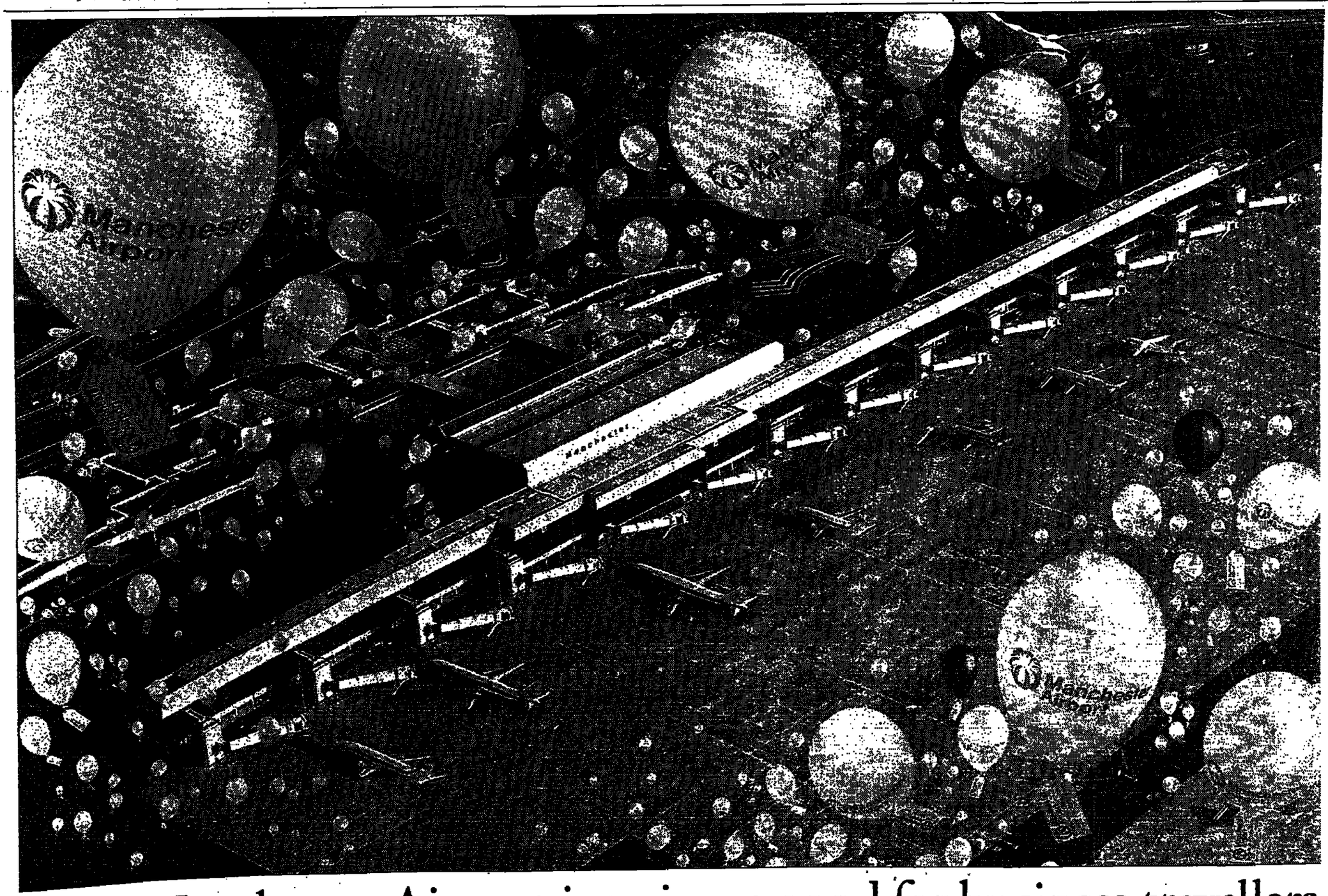
He said that adolescence has, for thousands of generations, allowed human beings to acquire their social roles as progenitors and parents uniquely well, offering girls time to learn and boys time to make mistakes.

The physical changes brought on by the growth spurt occur between the ages of ten and 17 in girls, advertising their sexual maturity and, in traditional societies, making adult women include them in their social circle. There they can learn extensively about sexual behaviour and child care. But the changes happen before the pelvis is the optimum size for childbearing, about the age of 19. This offered a long learning period.

In boys the growth spurt occurs between 12 and 21 and they do not start to look like men until well after they are fertile. Professor Bogin suggested that in traditional societies this allowed boys to practise being men in safety, without appearing as competitors for women to older and stronger men.

The result is greater reproductive success compared with other species: primitive hunter-gatherers lose about 44 per cent of their first-born children as infants, but baboons, macaque monkeys and chimpanzees lose up to 60 per cent.

Professor Bogin said yesterday that it was only the diminishing importance of family-centred societies after the industrial revolution that removed the need for adolescents to learn and made the period a time of difficulty.



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Cabinet rivals on course for clash over energy taxes

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND PHILIP WEBSTER

MICHAEL Howard and Kenneth Clarke are on a collision course over long-term taxation policy.

The two cabinet ministers, widely regarded at Westminster as the chief rivals for the Chancellor's job if Norman Lamont is sacked after the Budget, are at odds over proposals for energy taxes aimed at halting the spiralling public sector deficit and curbing pollution.

After talks in Washington earlier this week with Al Gore, the vice-president, and other leading environmentalists in President Clinton's administration, the environment secretary has been reinforced in his enthusiasm for the controversial idea.

However, the home secretary is understood to be strongly opposed to higher taxes on petrol and other fuels. He believes that such moves, under consideration for the second Budget in November, would drive up costs in a way that the country cannot afford as it struggles to escape the three-year recession. He has told friends that new energy taxes could send unemployment climbing well beyond three million.

Although the dispute has apparently yet to come to a head in the cabinet, the battle lines are being drawn up between the champions on the right and the left for the Chancellorship. Some MPs will regard the clash as one saying more about their political rivalry than about the issues involved. Mr Howard and Mr Clarke are also at odds over the home secretary's proposals to strip local authorities of their responsibilities for supervising the police.

Speaking on his return to Britain after his trip to America, Mr Howard indicated that green taxes, covering petrol and other fuels, were under active consideration.

One of President Clinton's first acts in office was to propose a tax on the heat content of fuels as a key element in reducing the federal budget deficit. It is projected to raise an extra £33 billion over the next four years, adding about £12 a month to the tax bill of the average middle income family.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Howard said: "I discussed the proposed energy tax with all the people I met. The general view was that it will get through Congress. We are continuing to examine the proposals for a tax that have been brought forward by the European Community."

But Mr Howard faces opposition within the cabinet. One of his colleagues questioned this week whether he had "gone native" at the environment department.

Mr Lamont is closer to the environment secretary's view. Although he has little enthusiasm for the idea, he is understood to believe that if Britain is to meet the targets set at last June's Rio Earth Summit, it will have to increase its energy taxes. The unspoken attraction of such a move is that it would provide a politically defensible justification for squeezing public sector borrowing.

The United Nations framework Convention on Climate Change committed EC countries and the US to reducing emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by the year 2000.

The EC's plans for a carbon tax will be discussed by environment ministers in Brussels towards the end of this month. One stumbling block so far has been Europe's insistence that it would not introduce energy taxes without parallel moves by the rest of the industrialised world. Whitehall sources said that while the American move might not meet all the European requirements, it was a "great milestone" along this path.

Morris deals a blow to rebels

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND SHEILA GUNN

TORY Euro-sceptics and their Labour allies suffered a setback when an amendment threatening the Maastricht treaty was ruled out of order.

Michael Morris, the deputy Speaker, told the Commons that "after due reflection" amendment 443, deleting the social protocol from the bill, was out of order.

Calum MacDonald, the Labour MP who had tabled the amendment with the support of his frontbench, said that he was disappointed but accepted the ruling as final.

The latest twist in the Maastricht saga did little to dispel the atmosphere of intrigue and speculation at Westminster. Leading Euro-sceptics pointed out that Mr Morris had yet to rule on two other social chapter amendments from the opposition parties. They were confident that he would eventually grant a new debate on the social chapter and that a wrecking amendment would be found that would lead to a showdown between the government and its opponents.

The Tory Euro-rebels were also heartened by last night's meeting of the 1922 executive, which shied away from demands by some government loyalists for resignations.

The executive spent about 30 minutes in a "combative discussion" over whether five of its members, including Sir George Gardiner and Sir Rhodes Boyson, should stand down rather than continue to defy the whips in procedural votes. The Euro-sceptic camp said that the meeting had ended with general agreement that the question of resignations did not arise. It is understood that the five pointed to a series of precedents under which executive members had stayed on the committee while opposing the government in substantive and procedural votes. At the meeting of the full 1922 committee there was no repetition of last week's "ambush" of the anti-Maastricht camp.

Government business managers were last night bargaining with the minority parties about a vote, which was likely to be on a procedural motion, expected either later in the night or on Monday that could expose the government to further dangers.

In the Commons, George Robertson, Labour's European spokesman, asked where MPs now stood with other amendments that might relate to the social chapter. Amendment 27, which is no longer viewed as a wrecking device, is still on the table.

Mr Morris said: "We are still some way off having to even consider anything about amendment 27. There are from all sides of the House attempts to produce amendments in that broad area.

"It would be wrong of me to make a judgment at this point of time as to whether or not or how many other amendments there might be by that time," he said.



Plugging the gaps: Michael Morris, the deputy Speaker, helps to keep the Maastricht treaty alive

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Labour acts to end council jobs row

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR yesterday moved to end undemocratic practices by party officials in Monklands, after serious allegations of corruption and malpractice in John Smith's political back yard. Allegations of a "Monklands mafia" running a "jobs for the boys" racket in the local council have dogged Mr Smith and Tom Clarke, the shadow Scottish secretary, whose constituencies cover the area.

A Labour party report into Monklands admits that practices within the local party and the district council have laid the local Labour group open to criticism.

The most serious of the criticisms included allegations of nepotism, sectarianism and financial ineptitude. Local councillors were alleged to have given preferential treatment to friends, family and local Labour supporters in allocating council jobs. Nearly 30 relatives of councillors were said to be on the town hall payroll, and special green job application forms were said to have been handed out to preferential job candidates.

Anne McGuire, chairman of the party in Scotland, headed the enquiry, which was ordered by Labour's Scottish executive in September last year. The report's recommendations are designed to "restore credibility and to renew confidence in the local party in Monklands". Ms McGuire said it was impossible to say whether or not jobs were awarded on merit, but the committee was unhappy about councillors being involved in appointing employees at all levels, including very junior staff.

The report recommends that councillors be involved in selection procedures of senior staff only. It recommends the appointment of an independent recruitment consultant to look at council recruitment practices.

Although the committee took evidence from Mr Smith and Mr Clarke, who was provost of Monklands in 1975, neither MP has been prepared to speak about the allegations of malpractice in their political heartland. But the allegations have been a source of embarrassment to the Labour leader at a time when he is calling for greater democracy within his party.

AROUND THE LOBBY

Prize for pools firms

The government bowed to pressure yesterday to allow football pools coupons to be available in shops and other outlets, as well as reducing from 18 to 16 the age of those eligible to enter (Arthur Leathley writes).

Peter Lloyd, the Home Office minister, has amended the national lottery bill after pools promoters pressed the Home Office for wider opportunities to distribute coupons to enable them to compete more equally.

Press plea

Any future press complaints body should also promote press freedom, Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, the last chairman of the Press Council, told the Commons national heritage select committee yesterday. His comments directly conflict with the recommendations of the second Calcutt report into press regulation.

Help denied

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, has warned health officials that she will ignore pleas for emergency help to hospitals which are turning away patients after running out of money.

Rate mail

Now that interest rates have fallen, half the post received at the Treasury is in favour of them being higher rather than lower, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, said at question time.

MPs' tribute

MPs paid tribute to Dermot Englefield, the Commons librarian, who is to retire in September after nearly 40 years service. He will be succeeded by his deputy, Jennifer Tanfield.

In Parliament

Commons (9.30): Debate on crime and crime prevention.

PARLIAMENT NEXT WEEK

House of Commons:

Monday: European communities (amendment) bill, committee, 15th day.

Tuesday: Debate on Opposition motion on manufacturing industry and unemployment.

Wednesday: Motion to renew Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Thursday: European communities (amendment) bill, committee, 16th day.

Friday: Debate on backbencher's motion on the economy.

House of Lords:

Monday: EC fraud debate.

Tuesday: Housing and urban development bill, committee, first day. Penalty for murder bill, committee.

Wednesday: Debate on trade deficit in food and drink

Thursday: Asylum and immigration appeals bill, third reading.



Fears grow of mass suicide in Texas cult compound siege

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WACO, TEXAS

■ Armed federal agents are prepared for a long wait. David Koresh may have decided that a Friday is a good day to die

AS THE armed siege of the Branch Davidian cult entered its fifth day, a clearer, more disturbing, picture of the bizarre religious world that continues behind the walls of the Mount Carmel compound has begun to emerge, prompting fears that the group may be contemplating mass suicide today.

Late on Wednesday night and early yesterday morning, David Koresh, the cult's fanatical leader, released two more children, Mark Anthony Jones, 12, and a boy named only as Kevin, aged 11, bringing to 20 the number of children released so far. The younger boy brought with him a dozen pups, the mother of which had been shot during Sunday's gun battle. The FBI said that neither of the children was British. The Foreign Office in London said 42 people still in the compound building may be Britons.

With about 18 children still inside, federal officials say they have no plans for a second assault on the compound, but that could easily change if an attempt at mass suicide takes place. "We were always concerned about a Jonestown possibility," said Lloyd Bentsen, the treasury secretary, whose office controls the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms that launched Sunday's assault. He was referring to the mass suicide in Guyana in 1978 of 900 followers of the Rev Jim Jones.

Part millenialist utopia, part fortress and part harem, the Branch Davidian cult combines two central doctrines: intensive study of the Bible and rigid obedience to the will of Mr Koresh. Since the start of the siege, when four federal agents were killed in a gunbattle with the cult, Mr Koresh has shown a single-minded determination to follow his own rules or, more precisely, the instructions he claims are relayed to him from God.

On Tuesday, breaking a promise to surrender peacefully, Mr Koresh told an FBI negotiating team that has spent the past week trying to winkle him out of his lair that he would leave only when God told him to. At best, that means he still intends to dictate the terms and time of his surrender; at worst, federal officials say, he could be planning a final act of martyrdom.

According to former cult members, in the past the group has discussed committing mass suicide by taking cyanide or shooting themselves. Mr Koresh has clearly convinced his followers that their violent deaths are a key element in his apocalyptic vision. Robyn Bunds, a former cult member who claims to be the mother of one of Mr Koresh's children, said she feared the group may be planning to carry out collective suicide today because Mr Koresh had emphasised to his followers that Christ died on a Friday. Mr Koresh is a son of a carpenter and aged 33, the age at which Christ is said to have died on the cross.



Koresh: released two more children

Some former cult members point out that none of the freed children has been the offspring of Mr Koresh himself, which he claims are the only ones of "righteous seed". Mark Breault, a former cult member, told a local Texas newspaper: "By releasing these children, I believe he is saying that these children are not worth sacrificing."

Hundreds of armed agents in the dusty fields around the Waco site were preparing yesterday for a prolonged siege, bringing in extra portable lavatories and more supplies. A frustrated hostage negotiation team was still trying to piece together the details of the cult's way of life that has kept Mr Koresh's followers united since the stand-off began.

According to former cult members, the families of those still inside the 77-acre camp of the Branch Davidians live a life that is spartan in the extreme, rising at dawn for a daily round of farm work and intensive Bible study. Mr Koresh apparently gets up late, watching television and drilling his disciples to follow community rules of his own devising. "He has absolute discipline and authority," Jack Killorin, a federal spokesman, said. "To his believers, he is the Christ."

Janet Daley, page 16



Healthy laughter: a Somali boy giggling yesterday as his chest is examined by Dr Ron Linfesty, from Anaheim, California, who is serving with the US Marines. Marine and army medical teams stationed in two-fifths of Somalia hold clinics for local people several times a week

UN prepares to assume sole charge of governing Somalia

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations will launch on May 1 the most far-reaching operation in its history, taking over complete control of Somalia for the indefinite future.

About 28,000 UN troops will be given authority under the "enforcement provisions" of chapter VII of the UN charter to use force to maintain peace throughout the fractious country and to disarm the warring clans. The UN will also try to repatriate 300,000 refugees, clear hundreds of thousands of mines, set up job-creation schemes and adult literacy courses, take over the local radio station and newspaper, feed and house demobilised militiamen, establish a national police force, and arrange peace talks on a future government.

The plan makes even the huge UN operation to supervise Cambodia's transition to democracy pale by comparison because in that country there is at least a nominal government made up of the warring factions. By contrast, the UN special representative in Somalia will act more like a colonial governor.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, has asked several countries, including Britain, Canada, France and America, to suggest a successor to Ismet Kittani, the present UN special representative. He is an Iraqi who is expected to leave his post.

Dr Boutros Ghali, spelling out the details of the operation in a report to the UN Security Council, said that it was a "necessary, indeed inescapable, response to the tragedy of Somalia", which collapsed into famine and civil war after the ousting of President Siad Barre in January 1991.

"The cost of restoring Somalia as a nation and society will be enormous," Dr Boutros Ghali wrote. "It will take many years even to reach prewar levels." The UN chief praised the American-led multinational force that intervened in Somalia late last year to provide security for the distribution of emergency supplies. He said the force, which now numbers about 28,400 after reaching a peak of 37,000, had sharply reduced the level of death from starvation in many areas.

He said that the American-led force, known as Unitaf, had been deployed in only two-fifths of the country, leaving large swaths of Somalia outside its control. He also noted that in recent weeks there had been a marked deterioration in security even in areas patrolled by international troops.

As a result, Dr Boutros Ghali said, the new UN force, to be known as Unosom II, would not be able to achieve its aims "unless it is endowed with enforcement powers under chapter VII of the charter". He said the UN would assume command from the American-led force on May 1.

Operating under rules of engagement drawn up by General Cevit Bir, of Turkey, their newly named commander, the UN force would be prepared to take "forceful action" to protect the facilities of the UN and other international aid agencies. The UN troops would also take control of all heavy weapons belonging to the organised factions and seize the small arms of all the other armed bands roaming the country. The demobilised militiamen would move to UN-supervised "transition sites".

"The disarmament process would be continuous and irreversible," Dr Boutros Ghali said. "It would continue as long as required or until a Somali government was functioning effectively. Once a faction had committed itself to disarmament by placing its heavy weapons in cantonment sites or relinquishing its small arms at a transition site, it would not be entitled to reclaim these weapons."

The new United Nations force will include for the first time many American servicemen on active duty under UN command.

American envoy calls for aid operation to avert famine in Sudan

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

THE American ambassador to Sudan yesterday called for huge supplies of food and medicine to be sent to the south of the country and direct United Nations intervention to head off a famine as great as the catastrophe in Somalia.

Donald Petterson, who has spent four days in southern Sudan, said in Nairobi that the "level and kind of suffering and misery is devastating, comparable to Somalia . . . the people are dying and they need all the help they can get". He said that the UN should consider setting up "safe havens" or "population centres" before the Islamic fundamentalist government in Khartoum carries out its annual dry-season offensive against the southern rebels.

So far this year an estimated 60,000 people have died from kala azar, a disease carried by sand flies. Mr Petterson said yesterday: "We saw walking skeletons, the children too weak to play, hundreds of thousands of people are at risk of dying — horrific suffering. A military push [from the north] would have a devastating effect. The international community must consider more serious intervention," he declared.

A plan to set up zones for civilians to shelter from the long-running civil war in southern Sudan has been agreed by the two main factions of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA). The National Islamic Front government in Khartoum is, however, unlikely to agree to a large UN presence in the south of the country where the SPLA has been fighting intermittently for autonomy from the north for 37 years.

The widespread hunger and disease has been blamed primarily on the fighting between leader of the Torit faction of the liberation army, led by Dr John Garang, and the Nasir group of Dr Riak Machar. Dr Garang took his predominantly Nuer tribal supporters out of the mainstream of the army in August 1991 and the fighting which followed brought aid operations in southern Sudan to a virtual standstill last year.

This week Dr Riak, who controls more land than Dr Garang, was negotiating with Dr Garang's Dinka tribesmen in Kongor, on the Nile, to try to get them to join his faction.

The SPLA and the Sudanese government have agreed to resume peace talks soon in the Nigerian capital, Abuja, but the American ambassador said he did not expect them to produce positive results.

China swamps US with guns

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton administration is under pressure to take action over cheap imported firearms after the disclosure that China has become the largest exporter of small firearms to the United States.

China exported about two million guns to America between 1989 and 1991. An administration official said yesterday that the influx of cheap firearms from China and eastern Europe constituted "a new area for concern" and that regulations were likely to be tightened. America allows the import of almost any small gun that fulfils certain minimum standards.

The disclosure, published in a *Washington Post* report yesterday and confirmed by officials, comes at a delicate time, with politicians considering whether China's most-favoured nation trading status should be unconditionally renewed, and the issue of gun control returning to prominence. Chinese arms were used in two recent killings that were widely reported.

Chinese small firearms, including semi-automatic weapons, can be bought in American gun stores for $250-$400 (£170-£270); comparable West European arms are much more expensive.

While he was campaigning for the presidency, Bill Clinton advocated that China's most-favoured nation status should be linked to progress over human rights, a sentiment that was repeated this week by Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State. President Bush had rejected efforts by Congress to make such a link, arguing that this would strengthen Peking hardliners. There are concerns in America that China uses the dollar proceeds of its arms exports to buy sensitive technologies. One China expert at a Virginia think-tank said China might have received a quarter of its $50 billion in foreign exchange reserves from arms sales.

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film forum

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Do movies reflect or pervert modern attitudes? Has the film industry lost its morals? On Thursday, March 11, 1993, The Sunday Times will stage a film forum to discuss the effect that the film industry has on popular culture and society in general.

Chaired by the editor of The Sunday Times, Andrew Neil, this public forum will feature top names from the film world including the producer David Puttnam; the novelist and author of Damage, Josephine Hart; the director Michael Winner; the film critic Barry Norman; the American cinema critic and author of the controversial Hollywood vs America, Michael Medved; and the author and editor of The Modern Review Toby Young. The forum will be at the Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, London W1 at 8pm.

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Pretoria judge plans poll police

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

AN ELECTORAL police force to supervise voting will be canvassed at an enquiry into how the first non-racial poll, based on universal suffrage, in South Africa's history should be protected from turbulence and harassment.

The new election police would be backed up by foreign monitors, and the special investigation would expect to have input from countries which have had recent experience of elections, such as Namibia, Mozambique, Kenya and Angola.

The enquiry will be one of a number of projects expected to be announced shortly by Judge Richard Goldstone, who heads a commission investigating violence and intimidation, established in 1991 to try to tackle the rising tide of murder and threats of mayhem in South Africa. It will look at ways of reducing the potential for violence in the election, and will seek suggestions from all interested parties. A likely outcome will be an agreed code of conduct for the running of the election, and for the behaviour of different parties, such as was drawn up last year for the conduct of mass marches.



Goldstone: studying ways to cut violence

An official of the commission suggested yesterday that South Africa wanted to learn from the successes of other African elections, but also from their failures. He also suggested that a uniformed member of the police standing by a ballot box might give entirely the wrong signal to intending voters.

□ **Cape Town:** Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Nobel peace-prize winner, warned South Africans of a plot against democracy as he prayed tearfully for peace on a country road in Natal, where six children were massacred by gunmen on their way to school on Tuesday. *(Reuter)*

Doctor faces murder charge

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

A RENOWNED anaesthetist said to have contributed significantly to research in the reduction of post-operative pain in children is to face murder charges today after claims by Zimbabwean parliamentarians that he was using black patients as "guinea-pigs".

Dr Richard McGown, 57, who was trained in Edinburgh and Sweden, was arrested at his home in Harare's exclusive Avondale Ridge area on Wednesday night. His lawyers said he would be charged with the murder of five patients who died after he anaesthetised them.

Dr McGown has contributed to journals and spoken at international forums on the use of morphine in epidural anaesthesia, the technique of injecting anaesthetics into the spinal cord rather than into the veins. The technique has been widely used in the West for decades, and is preferred for use in children because smaller quantities of narcotics are needed.

On Tuesday, however, a parliamentary committee claimed that the five deaths had occurred because Dr McGown had "used excessive amounts" of morphine and that he conducted a study on 550 children without the approval of the medical authorities. It also accused him of "racial bias" after a statement that he was "particularly interested to find out the sensitivity of black females to morphine" injected epidurally.

Dr McGown has strenuously denied the claims, and specialists and senior officials in the medical establishment said there was nothing unusual in his operations. Zimbabwe's health professions council advised against "trading wild charges", reflecting deep concern in the profession over the attacks and the possible loss of one of a handful of anaesthetists in a continuing brain drain from the country.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Peking hint of talks on Hong Kong

CHINA indicated it was ready to resume negotiations with Britain on the future of Hong Kong, but reiterated demands for the scrapping of democratic reform plans for the colony (Eve-Ann Prentice writes). Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, said that China and Britain should "sit down and talk", although he went on to demand that Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, abandon his scheme for reforms.

Phone tapped

Paris: The French *Libération* newspaper published documents purportedly showing President Mitterrand's security staff illegally tapping the phone of Edwy Plenel, an investigative journalist. *(Reuter)*

Budget protest

Bucharest: Thousands of Romanian workers demanded the government's resignation at a rally in Bucharest after Nicolae Vacaroiu, the prime minister, presented tough budget reforms. *(Reuter)*

Hidden cargo

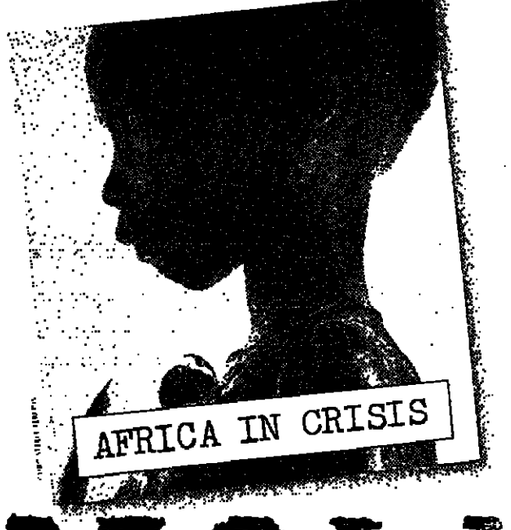
Halifax, Nova Scotia: Eighteen Romanian stowaways have arrived in port after they were discovered hiding among bottled olives in a ship's container. *(AP)*

Kutner dies

New York: Luis Kutner, 84, a human rights lawyer and co-founder of Amnesty International, has died in Chicago. *(Reuter)*

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Bosnia airdrops offer training for America and way in for Russia



Clinton: keen for Russia to join aid operation

BY ROGER BOYES

■ Serb fighters blocking aid convoys can afford to ignore US anger. Once Moscow gets involved, the situation will change

CONTROL of the ground, of the narrow mountain passes, the dirt roads counts for more in Bosnia than command of the skies. That was the defiant message delivered to America by the Serb soldiers who attacked the Cerska enclave soon after a humanitarian airdrop in the area.

The military logic of the Balkans has favoured the brigand or the partisan since Roman days. Even the most modern fighting force needs secure access roads for his supplies and in Bosnia-Herzegovina, at least, every road is vulnerable. With their long memory, that stretches far beyond the Chetnik partisan tactics of the second world war, the Serb irregulars have calculated that the American airdrops pose no real threat to their campaign of starving out Muslims.

One Serb military analyst has calculated that America would have to fly three or four transport aircraft over Bosnia for 60 consecutive nights to deliver the equivalent of the aid carried by ten 40-tonne lorries. As long as the Serbs can block the passage of the land convoys, they will be able to hold sway over the lives of the Muslims under siege.

Airdrops do make some kind of sense for the West, however. In military terms, they are giving the US forces useful pre-combat experience, acquainting air crews with the terrain and slowly removing the nervousness felt by most Nato allies about the reputed ferocity of the Serbian army. Politically, the airdrops show that America is involved in the Balkans and that it may be ready to take on other military supported action. It is this suspicion — that airdrops may be merely a warm-up for some form of military intervention — that will give America political clout at the negotiating table. In a situation where no Western power seems able to influence Serbian policy, the muted threat of a future war may at least secure some compliance.

Russian involvement in the airdrop is a different matter altogether. Throughout the present troubles, and especially since President Clinton and his administration were sworn in, there has been a determination to keep the Russians on the Western side. There were legitimate worries that if Moscow were kept out of Nato's Balkan strategy, the Russians would revert to their 19th-century loyalties and join forces with their brother Slavs in Serbia. Indeed, the many Balkan "friendship" treaties that have been signed over the past few months have spun a web of alliances strikingly similar to the pattern at the turn of the century. The political challenge — how to prevent Russia resuming an imperial role abroad while at the same time keeping it part of a global security system — has clouded Western perceptions of what Russia is really up to.

The Russian airdrop is a case in point. Two Ilyushin-76 transport planes are expected to arrive at the US Rhein-Main base next week and USAF officers will soon be working out the details of a joint mission with the Russians. That, on the face of it, seems sensible: the Serbs are clearly not going to shoot at Russian planes if they come flying in low to deliver aid. At home, the Russian government can tell sceptical nationalists that the food and medicine drops are for Serbs as well as Muslims. Further, relations with the Clinton administration will have got off to a good start: an easy, low-cost gesture.

Russia, however, has a far bigger responsibility in the Balkans. Moscow, and Moscow alone among foreign states, has the power to influence Belgrade. "If Moscow exerted its full diplomatic power, and did so consistently, the land convoys would be allowed through tomorrow," a senior Western diplomat said. That overstates the position, but it is plain that Russia is entering the airdrop scheme so as to avoid difficult, but necessary, decisions in Serbia.

Meanwhile, there are continuing reports of Russian arms deals with Belgrade, a great deal of Russian sanction-breaking and frequent visits to Serbia by Russian military experts. If Russia really wants to help, then it can best do so by influencing those who control the snowbound tracks leading into eastern Bosnia.

Serb leaders offer safe passage for besieged Muslims

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BELGRADE AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BOSNIAN Serb commanders have agreed in principle to allow temporary safe passage out, under United Nations auspices, for tens of thousands of Muslims trapped in the besieged enclaves of Cerska, Zepa and Srebrenica, UN peacekeepers in Belgrade said yesterday.

At the same time, UN relief workers in the northern city of Tuzla, which is controlled by the Bosnian government, are bracing themselves for a huge new influx of refugees after the apparent fall of Cerska, and they expect further attacks on the Muslim enclave of Srebrenica. UN Protection Force officers have negotiated a provisional agreement between General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb commander, and Ejup Ganic, the vice-president of Bosnia-Herzegovina, to open corridors for a period fo 24 hours over a weekend for civilians to flee.

The corridors will be monitored by UN military observers and Bosnian Serb officers. A UN spokesman in Belgrade said: "Corridors would be kept open for 24 hours, but nothing has been signed."

In New York, meanwhile, Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance were pushing hard yesterday to get the Bosnian Muslims to accept the final part of their peace plan so that they can focus international pressure on the Bosnian Serbs. The two mediators were pressing Alija Izetbegovic, president of the Muslim-led Bosnian government, to follow his acceptance of the peace plan's military arrangments on Wednesday with an agreement to the map dividing the republic into ten semi-autonomous provinces.

The Serbs, who have not accepted the map, would then be isolated as the only one of the three warring sides in Bosnia not to have signed all three elements of the Owen-Vance plan: the constitutional principles, the military arrangements and the map. "The plan is to get Izetbegovic to put his signature to the map and then to bring the thing to the security council to bring maximum pressure on the Serbs," a diplomat said.

The security council could then pass a resolution demanding that the Serb side accept the peace plan, and the Western powers could tighten sanctions and possibly take limited military action to force Serb co-operation.

President Izetbegovic and Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, were threatening to abandon the talks and leave New York yesterday. It was not clear if they would yield to a security council demand that they remain "fully engaged in New York".

Lord Owen and Mr Vance were still hoping to win acceptance of their map dividing Bosnia into provinces under a weak central government. Over the past few days, they have conducted "village-by-village" discussions with the Bosnian Muslims and Croats on possible amendments. However, the Muslim-led government has floated alternatives of its own, including an idea to increase the number of provinces from ten to 13, including three that would be run for a time by international governors.

In Bosnia, UN relief officials say they cannot yet comment on allegations that the plan to open an escape corridor is a form of "ethnic cleansing" by default, apparently endorsed by the UN. If and when the plan is put into action, it could quickly trigger accusations that the UN is providing an umbrella of respectability for the Bosnian Serb campaign forcing Muslims out of eastern Bosnia.

One senior aid worker said the UN was faced with either allowing "trapped civilians to die or aiding and abetting 'ethnic cleansing' ".

A fleet of 11 converted ambulances trying to reach the village of Konjevic Polje where thousands of Muslims are said to have fled and which was targeted by the fourth US airdrop, was still trapped last night on the border between Serbia and Bosnia. Bosnian Serb commanders have refused it entry, Lyndall Sachs, UN spokesman in Belgrade, said. The convoy had been sent on Wednesday after a request from Bosnian government authorities. UN officials are negotiating passage for the ambulance convoy as well as access into Konjevic Polje and passage into Tuzla for the expected rush of refugees, Ms Sachs said.

UN officials in Tuzla are preparing for a huge influx of refugees into a city that already is home to tens of thousands of refugees. The exodus could be the biggest since the fall of Jajce last autumn, when 28,000 people were reported to have left the region.

Ms Sachs said: "We are planning for the worst. We expect a large proportion of any exodus to head for Tuzla and we are preparing for a very large number. It is better to be over-prepared."

At the same time, the Bosnian Serb army command in Zvornik said that all Muslims in the Konjevic Polje region could leave safely, the Belgrade-based news agency Tanjug said. The Serb side will even provide transport and "does not want innocent people to suffer".

Mass grave, page 1

Sofia warns mercenaries

Sofia: Bulgaria said it would prosecute any citizens involved in the war in former Yugoslavia, after widespread reports that some, especially veterans of UN peacekeeping operations, were acting as mercenaries and volunteers. The reports did not say how many people were allegedly involved, but indicated that most were fighting on the Serb side against Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina. *(AP)*



Young warriors: two Sarajevo children armed with wooden guns clambering over a UN armoured personnel carrier

US dismay grows after aid triggers bloody response

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THERE was growing dismay in Washington yesterday that President Clinton's humanitarian airdrops over eastern Bosnia may have provoked the savage new Serbian outbreak of "ethnic cleansing" against Muslim enclaves.

A sense of frustration was also expressed over the limits of American power. At his first full meeting of the National Security Council since taking office, Mr Clinton reviewed options for tightening the existing UN economic sanctions against Belgrade. There will be renewed consultations with allies, especially about arms smuggling along the Danube.

As a candidate, Mr Clinton said the legitimacy of "ethnic cleansing cannot stand" and argued forcefully for the US to consider arming the Bosnians Muslims and bombing the Serbs. As president, he has found there is no appetite for his campaign ideas at the Pentagon, in Congress, among allies or with the American people. A White House official who described Mr Clinton as "very worried" by the new Serb aggression said the chances of unilateral US military intervention were virtually zero. The president had accepted that airdrops were his only option. But even these missions of mercy have led to accusations of poor planning from Congress. Misgivings are also apparent among military planners led by General Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

The American media is joining in the scepticism. Reports yesterday pointed out that while the airdrops represent a deepening American commitment to the Balkans crisis, they have been from too great an altitude to be accurate and have exposed Muslims trying to reach the pallets to Serb sniper fire.

Even more serious are the charges that the Americans have raised the ante for the Serbs who had hoped to starve out the Muslims. By this reasoning, the Serbs were forced to step up their assaults to prevent the Muslims from reaching the US food and medicine which could have given them the nourishment and first aid they needed to carry on fighting.

On Capitol Hill, Republican Senator Mitch McConnell complained: "Desperate civilians are being gunned down trying to retrieve the 30 per cent of the supplies that hit the target area. I don't think the airdrops have brought us one step closer to easing the suffering." Another Republican, Senator Don Nickles, declared there was no sense in sending aid to the aggressors. "A military operation should have definite objectives and this seems to be more symbolic," he said.

On the Democratic side, Senator Patrick Leahy acknowledged that the problem is not an easy one for Mr Clinton to resolve. He said: "I share the sense of frustration everybody else has. In a 10,000ft airdrop, I don't know how much is getting to the people." Officially, the administration rejects the idea that the airdrops have caused the upsurge of warfare in eastern Bosnia.

Richard Boucher, State Department spokesman, said: "We think the notion that humanitarian airdrops would somehow occasion more fighting is ludicrous. Our assessment is that the aid continues to play a useful role for people who truly need it." White House officials reiterated that the airdrops will continue.

In the early hours of yesterday a fourth mission by the US air force dropped supplies near Konjevic Polje. This is where many thousands of refugees have fled from Cerska, site of an airdrop earlier in the week that coincided with the final Serb assault on the town. Ham radio operators said the latest aid landed close to Serbs.

Albania dreams up beach paradise

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

AND now for something completely different — a holiday in a country that millions of people have spent decades trying to flee.

Albania, one of the last bastions of Stalinism to fall and which until recently tried to stop its citizens owning boats in case they tried to row to freedom, wants to establish an up-market version of the Costa del Sol along its coastline.

The government of Aleksander Meksi, the prime minister, passed a tourism law in January to pave the way for the development of three or four resorts along Albania's dramatic mountainous coast. It will literally be paving the way: flying over Albania on a clear day is like passing over a moonscape with its dearth of made-up roads. But the Adriatic laps some of the most beautiful sandy beaches in Europe along its shoreline.

Moves to entice wealthy Europeans to Albania, the continent's poorest country, also include a new airport and the building of hotels in the capital, Tirana. A new road is planned between the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia and the Albanian coast.

The tourism scheme has lured the interest of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, set up to help in modernising the economies of former communist countries. Mario Salsano, a merchant banker, is in the country this week discussing the ambitious scheme on behalf of the bank.

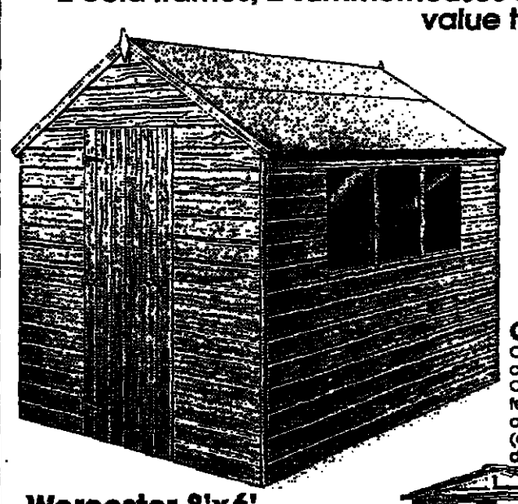
Claudio Viezzoli, the official in charge of the bank's dealings with Albania, said yesterday: "It will definitely not be for mass tourism, but the eventual atmosphere will depend strongly on the tour operators. We are looking for a well known operator — and we are talking to one in particular — to help in this project".

The bank helped the government to draft the tourism law, which has established a committee chaired by Osman Shehu, the tourism minister, to oversee all projects. The committee has selected the coastal sites intended to become resorts. Parliament is now set to approve the sites, three of which are south of Dures.

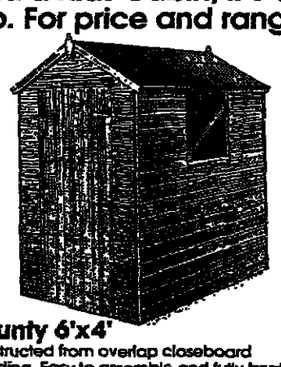
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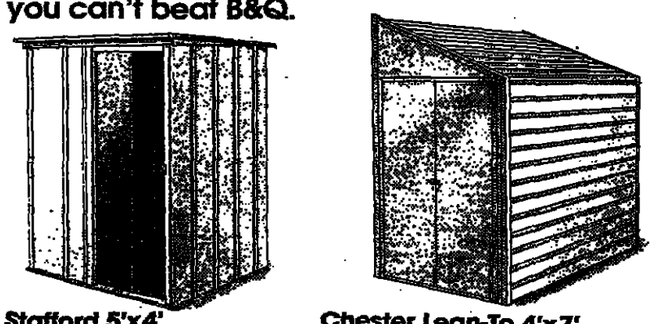
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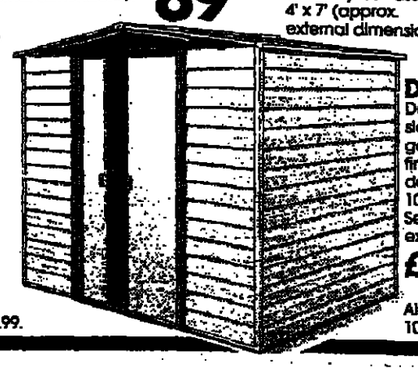


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Yeltsin trapped on Gorbachev treadmill of dispute and despair

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

■ **Russia's leader, like Mikhail Gorbachev before him, is striving to save domestic reforms while seeking success abroad**

THE power struggle in 1990 and 1991 between Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin, then a renegade Moscow functionary, polarised the staid world of Soviet politics. Their battle was characterised by chasms of aim, method and character, and by mutual loathing.

The persistence of the blunt outsider who tied his star to the cause of the Russian Federation paid off in the aftermath of the failed coup against President Gorbachev. But President Yeltsin's predicament today has a strange closeness to that of his predecessor. He too is fighting a disputatious Russian parliament intent on wresting power from the presidency for itself and ignoring the government's will in an ever more blatant manner. Once it was Mr Yeltsin who was the ambitious, aggrieved chairman of the Russian parliament and Mr Gorbachev who was fending him off from within the Kremlin walls.

Mr Yeltsin used to attack Mr Gorbachev for failing to deliver rapid and efficient reform; now he faces the same accusation from his opponents and many in his own camp. Like the former Soviet president, he has found it impossible to impose his ideas on the instinctively conservative.

Odder still, Mr Yeltsin seems to be copying his predecessor's doomed tactic of seeking to counterbalance failures at home with successes on the international stage, turning the signing of the second Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with America in January into an embarrassing spectacle of self-praise. The enthusiasm with which he hugged Helmut Kohl during the German's chancellor's brief stopover in Moscow on Tuesday looked like the desperate gesture of a man seeking reassurance that he is still rated — at least by foreign statesmen.

Both Mr Yeltsin and Mr Gorbachev came to power intending to overthrow rigid economic structures but found them less movable than they imagined. Both relied on academic economists for guidance. In late 1990 Mr Gorbachev's rejected Grigori Yavlinsky's radical "500-Day plan" to jolt the economy out of its doldrums and, two years later at December's Congress of People's Deputies, Mr Yeltsin sacrificed his main exponent of shock therapy, Yegor Gaidar, the acting prime minister, to appease hardliners.

Now Mr Yeltsin wants to settle his battle with parliament with a referendum. Mr Gorbachev had the same idea in March 1991 when he called a plebiscite on whether the Soviet Union should stay together. He won, but nine months later the Union was dead — a thought that must haunt Mr Yeltsin as he gazes out at the dissatisfied Russian regions pressing their claims for more autonomy.

The Russian parliament failed yesterday to produce a majority in favour of convening an extraordinary Congress of People's Deputies next week to help resolve the power struggle between Mr Yeltsin and the parliament after 50 per cent of deputies abstained. The debate on convening a special session is due to continue today.

The phrase "post-Yeltsin era" now echoes around Moscow. At the last congress, Mr Yeltsin's status shifted within a few days from that of a strong leader fighting off the opposition's blows with rare panache to a man on the run, doling out compromises and dismissing senior officials to buy time.

He dallied for too long, trying to please everyone and ended up pleasing nobody before issuing a "parliament or me" ultimatum that now looks like backfiring.

He does have advantages that Mr Gorbachev lacked, such as a popular mandate and the respect of most Russians. Despite the ravages of the past few weeks Mr Yeltsin still achieves 80 per cent in popularity polls — far more than any rival. He is, however, in danger of alienating himself from his supporters, preferring to engage in backroom pacts with his main enemy, Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary speaker, and patching together constitutional deals rather than putting his cause before the people in early elections.

Mr Yeltsin's legendary rhetorical touch appears to be deserting him as he roars neo-Bolshevik platitudes about "final options" and "extreme measures". Even *Izvestia*, the normally faithful newspaper, complained that he had withdrawn into a world of speeches *and deals in which the fate of* the Russian people is ignored.

Mr Gorbachev is, from his lair in the institute that bears his name, monitoring the sag in his old enemy's confidence and credibility with evident pleasure and issuing "I told you so" communiqués. As unlikely as the idea sounds to most Russians, Mr Gorbachev has never entirely abandoned the idea of a comeback. As Mr Yeltsin scrabbles to keep his grip on power, one of his bleakest recognitions must be that this has all happened to someone else not so long ago.



Yeltsin: still no rival to match his popularity

☐ **Yerevan:** Armenian forces are about to take the city of Mardakert, the last stronghold of Azerbaijani forces in northern Nagorno-Karabakh, the disputed enclave in Azerbaijan, military sources in Yerevan, the Armenian capital, said yesterday. *(AFP)*

Princess brings lepers comfort

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KATHMANDU

THE Princess of Wales met a leprosy patient yesterday who is afraid that being cured will ruin his begging career. Karna Bahadhur, 15, a street urchin for seven years, has reached a deal with doctors to let them cure him if they wrap his feet in bandages afterwards to make him look crippled.

The princess met him at the British-funded Anandaban leprosy hospital near Kathmandu, but he refused to talk to her because he is still upset about being cured. He has lost movement in his feet and legs and told doctors he did not want to walk again. A priest persuaded him to seek treatment.

Patients looked agog as the princess sat on their beds and touched the stumps of hands and feet lost to leprosy. She talked to all 16 patients and heard their life stories. As they talked, she stroked their arms and legs affectionately. She met Karna Bahadur in the occupational therapy area, where he is grudgingly learning to use his legs again.

The princess, who returns to London tomorrow after a five-day official tour of Nepal, also visited a newly opened memorial to those who died in the Pakistan International Airways flight that crashed into a hillside outside Kathmandu last September, killing 167 people, including 37 Britons.

Asked by Linda Kentro, who designed the memorial, if she was enjoying her trip to Nepal, the princess replied: "I am having a wonderful time." Earlier, the princess met Gurkha recruits who came down from the mountains for the first time in their lives only two days earlier. They had spent a day and a morning learning how to stand to attention for the princess.



Royal greeting: the Princess of Wales acknowledging a traditional welcome yesterday in Kathmandu from children at the British-funded Budhanilkantha school

Minister says Craxi managed bribe fund

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE battle by Bettino Craxi, the former Italian Socialist leader, to avoid his parliamentary immunity being lifted, which would leave the way open for corruption proceedings, took a bitter turn yesterday after his former right-hand man, Claudio Martelli, testified against him.

Magistrates in Milan on Wednesday night sent new evidence offered voluntarily by Signor Martelli, who himself resigned last month as justice minister after being implicated in the bribery scandal convulsing Italy, to a committee in the chamber of deputies examining Signor Craxi's fate.

Asked about a so-called "protection account" allegedly set up in Switzerland by the Socialists to receive millions of dollars in bribes from businessmen and state companies, Signor Martelli was quoted as saying: "Craxi would never have allowed me or others to deal with the question, he would have looked after it himself directly."

The managing director of Italimprese, the Italian construction giant, became the latest casualty in the bribery scandal yesterday. Eugenio Rendo, 44, was charged by Milan magistrates in connection with a bribe of 200 million lire (£95,000) allegedly paid to a director of Enel, the state electricity board. Signor Rendo was appointed managing director ten years ago by his father Mario, a native of Sicily, who still controls the company.

Italimprese helped build EuroDisney near Paris and is believed to be the only Italian company involved in work on the Channel tunnel.

Germans approve tax rises to counter unification costs

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BONN

THE German cabinet yesterday approved a drastic economic consolidation package to rescue the country from the grip of recession while freeing funds to salvage the ailing economy in the east.

The package, the government's share of a proposed national belt-tightening known as the "solidarity pact", includes tax rises, cuts in subsidies and social services, spending deferments and an array of economy measures that reduce west German living standards more than at any time since the Federal Republic was founded.

The savings, which were forced on the government by recession and the soaring cost of unification, are intended to raise DM150 billion (£62.9 billion) a year for the east — about 5 per cent of the gross national product.

Presenting the package, Theo Waigel, the finance minister, and Günter Rexrodt, the economics minister, said it was the best that was possible in a worsening economic situation. It was essential to create a framework of stability that would take Germany into the next century, foster confidence, encourage investment and put forward a credible policy to combat the recession.

The Bundesbank, which yesterday failed to respond to international pressure to cut key interest rates, has made it clear that it would be willing to loosen its tight monetary policy only when the government had put forward a credible package to combat recession and balance spending and income more effectively.

The two ministers made it clear that details of the plan, which they hoped could become law before the summer parliamentary recess, would probably be considerably revised as they have to be approved by the Bundesrat, the upper house controlled by the Social Democrats. They said, however, that there was no way around the need for deep cuts in government spending and sacrifices from the whole of German society. The average standard of living in Germany has slipped from second place in the European Community to seventh because of the costs of unification.

Herr Waigel, who has just rejected proposals by the prime ministers of the 16 states for the federal government to pay a larger share of the unification costs, delivered a bleak message of savings and sacrifice, which had to be borne by all sections of society. "We need more patience in the east and more solidarity in the west," he said.

Among the revenue-raising measures recently announced are an additional 13 pfennings tax on each litre of petrol, a cut in allowable tax-deductions and a range of surcharges, including a general income tax increase beginning in 1995.

Bonn acts to curb asylum-seekers

BY MICHAEL BINYON

AFTER months of fraught inter-party talks, the German government yesterday introduced the first reading of a new asylum law that would drastically cut back the number of people entitled to seek refuge in the country.

The bill, which will entail changing the constitution, came as Bonn announced that a record number of asylum-seekers and immigrants had arrived last month, with 38,071 people, mostly from Eastern Europe, claiming persecution in their home countries and a further 29,917 ethnic Germans, predominantly from the former Soviet Union, resettling here.

In the first two months of the year, more than 74,000 people have sought asylum, a 5 per cent rise over the same period last year. In addition, 6,400 illegal immigrants were caught in January, an increase of 140 per cent in one year. As speakers in yesterday's debate in the Bundestag said, the overwhelming number of asylum-seekers are not suffering political persecution but are seeking a better economic future. The interior ministry reported that of the 34,505 cases decided last month only 1.6 per cent — 539 people — were accepted as genuine refugees.

Meanwhile, a court in Rostock has sentenced a man found guilty of throwing a petrol bomb at police during last August's riots outside an asylum hostel to two and a half years' jail. The judges agreed to take into consideration his unemployed status and other extenuating circumstances, but already there have been protests at the leniency of the sentence.

Poland's alchemist of power thrives on flexible formula

*The East's Iron Lady has developed the contortionist-type politics a Polish leader needs. **Roger Boyes** meets the prime minister, Hanna Suchocka, in London*

Leading Poland requires the rubber-limbed talent of a contortionist. Faced with unhappy Russians, Ukrainians and Lithuanians on the one side, the uncertain bulk of Germany on the other, fighting among the southern Slavs and apparent indifference to the Polish cause in Brussels, the politician's head swivels constantly between East and West.

Hanna Suchocka's head, under the circumstances, looks reassuringly normal, even if the hair has grown somewhat greyer than it was seven months ago. Since July she has been Poland's prime minister and, borrowing a few lessons from Margaret Thatcher, she has steered the government through some nasty squalls.

The broad principles of her government have stayed intact: a commitment to speedy and lasting market reform; tight money policies that have had the unions (remember Solidarity?) squealing, and a concerted drive to enter the European Community as soon as possible. It is this last mission that has brought the prime minister, sometimes dubbed the Iron Lady of Eastern Europe, to London.

The contortionist's skills have become particularly evident during her three-day trip. She has had to reassure the British government that the Polish economy has turned the corner and that it is a veritable island of stability. How else will the British be persuaded to raise Poland's credit status and invest more in the country? On the other hand, Mrs Suchocka, making a case for swift entry to the Community, has to emphasise that everything could collapse overnight if Russia lurches away from reform, or if refugees spill over the border.

It is the Russian dimension that most worries this 46-year-old lawyer as she sits in Claridge's. "It's not that I'm concerned about aggression or a direct threat. Rather it's that democracy in Russia, such a huge state, is so incredibly fragile," she says. "The problem is that they didn't have a democratic state for 70 years and even before the revolution there was no democratic tradition in a Central European sense. So they have to create a sense of parliament, and a formal division of powers, and it is from this process that instability may come."

There have been rumours in Warsaw and other Central European capitals for months that a new coup might be in the making in Moscow, that something was going adrift in the East. Mrs Suchocka, however, is adamant that Poland's future is not being linked to the personal fortunes of President Yeltsin. "We're not hinging our reform on an individual — that would be meddling." But if Moscow strayed from the democratic path, then "an authoritarian wave would sweep through Europe", she says.

The Polish leader is worried that the West will be taken by surprise by developments in the East, that it may be heading for a period of "post-Cold war isolationism".



Suchocka: seeking swift entry to EC

Her role is thus partly to sound a few alarm bells. At the very least, she argues, the West should be co-operating with Central Europe on how to cope with the present Balkan and future Russian refugees. "We cannot solve *these problems on our own*, we cannot simply build a new wall along our eastern frontier."

Unlike Baroness Thatcher — whom she met privately yesterday — Mrs Suchocka is a committee politician, seeking and listening to advice, quickly discovering the consensus position and then pushing forward with it.

While her style differs from that of Lady Thatcher, she shares an understanding of power. "It may literally be a question of chemistry," says an adviser who knows both women. "Mrs Suchocka, a lawyer, is the daughter of a chemist while Mrs Thatcher studied chemistry and law. Somewhere in that combination is the key to the alchemy of power."

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Shaky grip on the sceptre

The Belgian king lost much of his power this week. How far do other European monarchs hold sway?

CONSTITUTIONAL monarchy has proved a surprisingly enduring institution in Europe. Hereditary heads of state are tolerated, even valued, in the present-day world largely because their real powers have been almost entirely stripped away. Of the seven major crowned heads, King Baudouin of the Belgians has finally been emasculated by a vote of his country's lower house of parliament.

Baudouin, currently the longest-serving of Europe's monarchs, has lost his automatic right to approve the country's prime minister, and his right to dissolve parliament if there is a vote of no confidence in the government. In a country riven by Walloons and Flems, the diminution of the monarch's few remaining powers is the clearest sign yet that his country is well down the slippery slope of federalism.



King Baudouin

His country is well down the slippery slope of federalism

This week's decision by the lower house of the Belgian parliament is almost certain to be approved by the senate, and means that if a new prime minister is appointed with no dissolution of parliament the king will no longer be called upon to ratify the appointment.

It is in the nature of constitutional monarchy that its precise powers are vague, and nowhere are they vaguer than in Britain, which has nowritten constitution. No British monarch since Charles II has tried to force a dissolution of Parliament and the power is generally regarded as dead.

More real in Britain, although not seriously tested since 1924 (when the Tories lost a vote of confidence with George V as king), is the Queen's right to refuse a dissolution. British monarchs also retain the theoretical power to pick a prime minister — an issue raised during the Wilson-Heath fine balancing act of 1974: the Queen merely invites whoever looks most likely to command a majority of the house. Her counterparts on the Continent face a potentially much more difficult task.

Sweden changed its constitution in 1975 to ensure that the king no longer had any part whatsoever in the parliamentary process, and any dubiety over who should form a government is handled by the parliamentary presidency, which if translated to Westminster would be composed of the Speaker, the deputy Speaker, and the Commons chairman of ways and means.

Norway has the oldest written constitution in the world after the United States, and does not like to tinker with it. King Harald is theoretically able to be drawn into a decision of choosing a government, and the debate surfaced at least twice in the 1980s under his father Olav, when the Oslo parliament had no clear majority. Again, to save the royal blushes, a presidency stepped in. Similar conditions apply in Denmark, but in the postwar years the system has never been put to the test in either country.

The Dutch, practical as ever, allow Queen Beatrix to hold a great deal of titular power, but none whatsoever in reality. They have a useful concept of "ministerial responsibility" under which her every act is done in the name of the government, and if it is wrong, it is the government's fault.

SPAIN is Europe's one restored monarchy of recent times, and the most conspicuously successful. King Juan Carlos cannot dissolve parliaments, but in a hung parliament he would be influential in the choice of prime minister.

Juan Carlos's most memorable triumph, however, was to rally his country's forces of democracy against the attempted military coup in Madrid in 1981. In that, he was acting, not as constitutional monarch, but as commander-in-chief of the Spanish armed forces. It was a tangible demonstration that the monarchical system still has much to commend it, whatever the fine print of its restricted powers.

ALAN HAMILTON





Medal holders: Sheila Duncan was overcome with emotion when she received her BEM last year; but Warrant Officer Andrew Mudd (right) says the system was unfair

Salute the blue-collar gong

The sun is going down on the "working-class" British Empire Medal. Will it be missed? **Alice Thomson** and **Nicholas Watt** report

When a charwoman stumbled across a pile of lost top-secret documents during the second world war she dutifully handed them in to the War Office. Winston Churchill was so grateful that he personally awarded her a British Empire Medal in his resignation honours list. She may have helped save the nation but she could never have received a higher award. After all she was only a charwoman.

Nearly 50 years later the BEM, set up by George V, still goes to outstanding working-class people who "by virtue of their rank" cannot qualify for any other award. Their years of "meritorious service" do not merit a trip to Buckingham Palace. Instead they have a more modest local ceremony with the county Lord Lieutenant and senior military officers, where they receive their "gong for the workers".

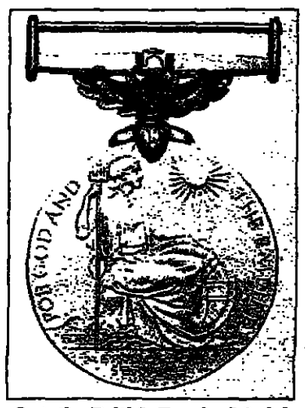
Now John Major has decided that lollipop ladies, hospital porters, gardeners, lifeboatmen and typists are to be accorded the same status as bank managers, doctors and sportsmen. Yesterday he announced in the House of Commons that the "blue-collar" award would be abolished. The nation's so-called humbler citizens are to be eligible for the MBE (Member of the British Empire) hitherto reserved for the genteel inhabitants of middle-class suburbia.

Already the discreet committee charged with preparing recommendations for the Queen's birthday honours in June has been told to draw up as usual a list of nominations for the BEM — but on the basis that the recipients will then be pumped up to an MBE. And from next year anybody can recommend someone they think deserves an honour.

Dennis Harnett, a porter at Gosforth Park Hotel, Newcastle on Tyne, is one of the 900 people who received the medal two years ago. "I've been here 27 years looking nice and smart and waiting for the cars to come in. We've had most of the royal family and the trick is to make everyone feel welcome, but this award came out of the blue. After all I used to be a coal miner and who thought of them getting an award?"

Mr Harnett, 62, is not worried that the doctor down the road got an MBE for his 30 years service. "That's just griping. This medal has been the climax of my life, I always wear it when VIPs come, it's a nice honour for the hotel," he says. "The Queen invited us to a garden party. I bought a lounge suit, the wife bought a dress and hat and they treated us like royalty. It was a day to remember. I hope Mr Major won't forget us all."

Generals, admirals and air marshals have voiced indignant opposition to the prime minister's attempt to inject his vision of a classless society into the twice-yearly distribution of awards. Already miffed that they are losing their automatic right to a knighthood, they say that rigid observance of social status is a vital component of a well-oiled military machine. But Andrew Mudd, the military police staff sergeant who was awarded a BEM in 1989, after he lost both legs in an IRA car bomb attack, disagrees. "It's about time they sorted it out. Had I held my present rank of warrant officer I would have been awarded the MBE for doing the same thing," he says.



Out: the British Empire Medal

Warrant Officer Mudd, who now works in the military police's criminal records office, was awarded the medal for his work in guarding diplomatic staff in Beirut during the civil war. "I was the team leader in Beirut. It was unfair that an award was made simply according to the rank I had at the time," he says.

When Kenneth Chapman, 62, the keeper at Bull Point lighthouse, North Devon, received a letter telling him he'd been awarded a BEM this year he was baffled. "I've been working lighthouses for 42 years but I never thought anyone noticed me. It's a quiet job, nothing flash. But I am thrilled to get the award and I'm satisfied with anything I get. My wife has told everyone," he says.

As the longest-serving lighthouse keeper should he not have been honoured automatically? "Nothing should just be given, otherwise there's no excitement to it. Some of those MPs seem to get given awards as losers' prizes and I'd hate that."

In the last 18 years Brenda Giles has saved over 320 sick seals and returned them to the sea, earning her the nickname of "seal mother" and a BEM. "Sometimes I work up to 20 hours a day feeding the young seals. They need six feeds a day and each one takes four hours, so it's exhausting work," she says.

She is pleased that work with wildlife is now being honoured but is not a great supporter of the honours system. "It looks as though I'm being ungrateful but most of those people get their honours just for going to drinks parties or looking glamorous while those of us who work our guts out get nothing. John Major is right. You shouldn't be given letters after your name just because you had a better education. But at least I now know I am working class."

Other recipients of the BEM are pleased to see the back of the medal. Trevor England, 54, who was awarded the BEM last year for his service as coxswain with the Padstow lifeboat service in Cornwall, dismisses it as the "cleaners' medal". "It was nice to get the award but lifeboatmen know that however many lives they save they will never get anything more than a BEM. The government seems to throw away awards at a higher level but I know people who have raised millions for charity and received nothing."

Mr England, who has served with the lifeboat service for 35 years, says that although he wished he had gone to the palace he enjoyed the local ceremony. "The Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall is such a nice chap. We were in the army together."

The head gardener at Clare College, Cambridge, who was awarded a BEM last year for more than 40 years service, is sad to see the medal go. "It recognised all my years of service," Brian Arbon says, "and I was very proud to get it."

Sheila Duncan, 70, who received a BEM last year for 30 years' service at the Lamb's House day centre for the elderly in Edinburgh, says she understands the reforms but thinks it a shame the medal has to go. "It's a pity. I am attached to anything that has empire in the name. But it's better to put everyone on the same level."

Miss Duncan enjoyed the local ceremony when the Lord Provost of Edinburgh presented the medal at the day centre in the company of all her friends. "I tried to say something when he presented the medal," she says, "but I was overcome with emotion."

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Fair play for the fair sex

Clinics that select the sex of babies threaten the balance of communities

Irang the new London Gender Clinic yesterday about appointments. "We're booking for — let's see — July," said the receptionist brightly. Which means that several hundred couples have thought it worthwhile — even for a maximum 75 per cent chance of success — to make their way to north London and pay out more than £650, and that the business — an offshoot of the worldwide franchise using the "sperm sorting" system of Dr Ronald Ericsson — is well on the way to profit and proliferation.

Unless the law intervenes. In Britain, the jury is still out on these clinics: the British Medical Association and the leading churches have pronounced them unethical, but there is as yet no legal impediment. The Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority has no control if there is no in-vitro operation: Tim Sackville, the junior health minister, has said that the need for controls was "under consideration". Meanwhile the queue at Hendon lengthens, the semen is filtered, and the Y-chromosome sperm, which produce male children, are identified, preserved and re-injected.

Or, of course, discarded. Dr Ericsson and his British colleagues were at pains to stress that both boy and girl babies are on offer. The fear that families, especially from cultures which prize sons, would use the service to unbalance the population was dismissed by Dr Ericsson as "the British having a problem with racism". This is an uncomfortable charge although we know that in the Indian subcontinent, 7 per cent more boys than girls are now born because of female infanticide and the use of selective abortion, to accuse fellow-citizens in Britain of even wanting such a thing smacks awkwardly of racism.

But this week comes an outspoken attack from inside the Asian community. Two researchers state firmly that the patriarchal society of the sub-continent makes men want sons so badly that they will do almost anything to ensure them. And they affirm that the same thing is happening here, and that it will be aggravated if we tolerate gender clinics.

Dr Gautam Appa is a lecturer at the London School of Economics: his co-author Dr Vibhuti Patel is a leading campaigner for women's rights in India and a Reader in Women's Studies at Bombay. She has been studying Asian communities worldwide since 1976, and both researchers have travelled in rural India where, as Dr Appa puts it, "there are villages where you can't get clean water but you can get amniocentesis". Dr Ericsson knows this: in 1986 he held a workshop for gynaecologists in India, claiming in his publicity that his system averted the "need" for abortions. Clients of his clinics sign a paper saying they will not abort a wrong-sex baby, but this is, opponents say, laughably unenforceable.



Calling for a ban: Dr Appa, left, and Dr Patel

The problem lies deep in the culture and even diluted by westernisation, remain powerful: when Dr Appa's campaign was quoted in the Asian press, the first to phone him was a man who missed the point and asked for help "because his brother-in-law has three girls and needs a boy".

The result is, the two researchers say baldly, that Asian women are routinely being put through mental torture. Physical, too, by late abortion (although abortion on grounds of gender is illegal under the 1977 Act, the LSE research and newspaper investigations find it remarkably easy to get).

The researchers' argument is that the gender clinic will aggravate the problem by making attempted selection respectable in the wider community. Some might argue that successful gender selection would be more humane than the present practice of abortion, and Dr Appa sees their point. "You could argue that just as amniocentesis tests decreased the rate of infanticide in India, so gender selection will lead to less abortion. So why not let it happen? In India, economists have even made models to prove that women would benefit if they were fewer, because their value would rise. The evidence is otherwise. There is already in some areas forced polyandry, where a girl is married to one brother and treated as the wife of all." Dr Patel adds the experience of South Korea: "Since the technology of gender selection came (pre-natal testing and abortion), there are 111 boys born per 100 girls. The result is a shortage of brides, the return of child marriage, and a rise in rape and abduction."

These abuses bring technology itself under fire. Gender clinics were widely opposed by Indian liberals, and in one state — Maharashtra — amniocentesis has been banned. Dr Appa thinks it would be no bad thing if in Britain, all tests to determine sex should be confined to NHS hospitals which have a clear code of practice of not telling patients the sex of the expected child. As for the gender clinic, he and Dr Patel want it banned.

Dr Appa is scornful of those white liberals who stand back from the argument for fear of racism. "Racism means unfounded prejudice. This is all true." Any smugness from the rest of us might be quelled by a world figure Dr Ericsson gave in 1986. At that time, the first 46 franchised clinics had helped 263 couples to have a boy. And 15 to have a girl.

One white Englishwoman gazed for a while at those two figures and said, "My God, they're trying to wipe us out". Not a comfortable text for Monday's International Women's Day. But not an untimely one, either.

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Borrowers and lenders we must be

Libraries are under threat as never before. If it takes a posse of local celebrities to avert closure in Hampstead, do areas without a high-profile lobby have any hope?



MARTIN BEDDALL

Readers' delight: a passionate belief in the importance of libraries led Nicola Beauman to become chairman of the campaign to save Heath library

In E. M. Forster's *A Passage to India*, Fielding remarks that it will be strange to see Adela Quested at home in Hampstead.

"What is Hampstead?" asks Aziz.

"An artistic and thoughtful little suburb of London", he replies.

The blithe news from Hampstead this week that a small branch library there has been reprieved for one year by the efforts of artistic, thoughtful Camden dwellers (among them Margaret Drabble, Melvyn Bragg, Alan Bennett, Fay Weldon, John Tusa, Beryl Bainbridge) is parochial but symbolic. The Heath library enjoys a picturesque setting next to Keats' House, abutting the garden where in May 1819 he wrote "Ode to a Nightingale". It is reduced to being open on only three days a week, and is closed at lunchtime.

To keep it open at all for another year, Camden council say, the library must forgo any maintenance or repairs. If the above-mentioned Friends of the Heath Library will take over the cleaning (£4,000 a year), the library can be opened for seven extra hours a week, or buy 300 books a year.

After a fleeting thought of Drabble and Bragg on their knees with a mop and pail, you might ask why they, whose houses must groan with enough volumes to furnish a library apiece, support this place, charming though it is? The answer is, as the Friends' chairman, the writer Nicola Beauman says, that this small library is symbolic of a principle dear to Hampstead's heart: that reading should be freely available to all.

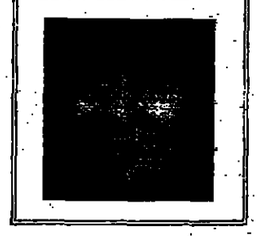
She agreed to be chairman because she had just finished her biography of E. M. Forster (out soon) and felt that public libraries embodied Forsterian values. "It goes far deeper than the closure of one small library. Forster came from the liberal free-thinking do-gooding strand of English society that we're all descended from. We flee from ostentation and care more about having our heart in the right place."

It is true but, she would argue, irrelevant, that she and the other Friends can buy six books a week if they want to. Libraries are part of the fabric of life.

I should have thought that an old Hampstead purist would object to the Heath library's new shelving which expensively replaced the 1930s wooden bookcases. And that the old Dewey system of classifying books has been superseded by a bold new method which divides books thus: ROM (romance), ACT (action), WOM (women) and, ludicrously, GOO (good read) which is for those who ask "Where can I find a nice good read?" and offers them Barbara Taylor Bradford and Jackie Collins. The library must believe that it is keeping up with the times.

Still, a library is a library and Mrs Beauman qualified as a librarian herself, between having the second and third of

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her five children. Her bold suggestion that she and others would willingly volunteer to keep open the library at lunchtimes — just to take in and check out books, not to take over the librarians' jobs — is a perfectly sensible one, if the unions would wear it. The New York public libraries, she remembers from living there, depend on highly organised volunteer help. I ask, even more boldly, what about a small token fee for each book borrowed? Nobody could object to 5p or even 20p a fraction of a cost of a bus ticket.

She sighs. "Someone should write a book about the psychology of money," she says. In Hampstead as elsewhere, it is "very dodgy" to suggest that what has long been free might be paid for. Yet one night this week, not far away in the excellent Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop, the owner Helen Pybus was selling books to teachers from a local school where parents had raised £700 so that each classroom could have a £100 worth of new books. Who can object to this? School libraries, and public libraries, need not suffer from lack of money or books because both are out there, if the right sources are tapped. When Roger Graef asked for a million books for book-starved Russia, they came flooding in by the box load.

It is not really surprising, as a *Times* leader said this week, following the *Cultural Trends* report, that we are buying more books and borrowing fewer. High Street bookshops such as Waterstones are more customer friendly than the public library as parodied by the Victoria Wood the other night, with "that peculiar library smell of damp gabardine and luncheon meat" and a dragon librarian named Madge. Beryl Bainbridge has remarked that her local library looks like a glorified creche, far removed from its educational purpose, with its toys and videos — why, when video hire shops are everywhere, and jumble sales are piled with cheap toys?

While Waterstones stays open until 9pm, library hours are whittled down so that local authorities can argue that usage has dropped, and they might as well be closed. Yet the library remains our Roman forum where the noticeboards direct us to baby-sitters, quilt making and choirs.

The value of the free public library is alive in the memories of the campaigning Hampstead authors. Alan Bennett said at one Friends meeting that his only literary connection might have been delivering meat (as a butcher's son) to T. S. Eliot's mother-in-law, had it not been for the Leeds public library, open every day except Sunday until 8pm, where he did his homework.

"Once you start closing a library for three days a week, something fractures," Bennett told the meeting. "It's got to be there, available all the time. That's the point about libraries. It's a facility you shouldn't have to think about. It's part of civilised life — like the BBC and the *Book of Common Prayer*, vital for the intellectual health of the future."

I once went with Kingsley Amis back to the south London suburb where he lived as a child in a small semi. In his home reading in company was deemed rude, and reading in private was anti-social. For the future Oxford scholar and Cambridge don the library was an escape and a solace. That story is repeated in many lives. Melvyn Bragg told the Friends that losing himself in books from the local library had saved him from a nervous breakdown in his teens. "Only now, at 53, am I able to talk about it." If we allow libraries to close, he said, we shall look back on 1993 as a year of madness.

In the neighbouring borough of Haringey, a battle is still being waged against the diminishing or possible extinction of library services. Again, there are celebrity supporters (Booker winner Penelope Fitzgerald, the singer Ian Wallace, Mark Elder of the ENO). The organiser is again a local author, Mary Hoffman — a 1960s contemporary of Mrs Beauman at Newnham College, Cambridge, home of generations of campaigning women. "And if we, with our writers and musicians to back us, have to fight to keep our libraries, what hope is there for places with no pool of high-profile people to speak out?"

For two decades we have watched without demur as churches were boarded up, or metamorphosed into blocks of flats. It was, and is, comforting to have a church on the corner, even if we never stepinside it. But, Mrs Beauman says, when the community decides it no longer needs a place of worship, it still needs a place of welcome.

"We are lucky to have this", — we were sitting in a French-style Hampstead cafe — "but what do we want of life? To sit at home with our 180 television channels, keeping ourselves to ourselves? Where is there any sense of community? This whole campaign is not just about reading but about the quality of life. You like to know, don't you, that the library is there."

Yes. The library of my childhood was a soaring Victorian building with an air of hushed reverence, mahogany tables and green lampshades.

The libraries of my children's childhood are different, but their habits have changed too. They expect to have books to keep. Helen Pybus, who grew up opposite a library and went every day, points out that children could go out safely alone then, or their mothers were at home in library opening hours. Now, if she suggests to customers that they try the library for a book, they say "It's always closed", and no longer expect it to have the stock a bookshop offers.

Waterstones in Hampstead is just a walk from Heath library and the contrast is distinct. It is lofty and untidy, tables strewn with new titles, books spilling from stacks, an overgrown version of customers' homes. It could sell 300 tickets twice over for readings by international authors such as Garrison Keillor or Armistead Maupin; but it could be filled every week just for local authors. Margaret Forster (nearby resident) comes this month to talk about Daphne du Maurier (once local resident). When Anthony Holden launched his poker book, the store had a poker party. For this Waterstones branch, it is almost too easy to be more exciting than a library.

But the bookshops and the libraries are not mutually exclusive: they are in the same game: books. The difference is that Waterstones is theirs, while we still feel, Mrs Beauman says, that the library should be *ours*.

Camden, Haringey and other ratecap-threatened boroughs cannot avoid chipping away at what is held most dear. The long term prognosis is not rosy. I left Hampstead wishing that common sense solutions could prevail: volunteers, charges, donations of books, why not? The national heritage department might ponder on a deserving use for national lottery cash. Even if only to further the reading of books labelled GOO.

A long way from Abbey Road

George Martin bought a church and turned it into the world's most advanced recording studios

TONY WHITE



£15 million later: George Martin beneath the ribbed and vaulted dome of the main hall

George Martin, the honorary "fifth Beatle", spends most of his time in church. The church in question is a vast Grade II* listed Victorian edifice in Hampstead, north London, built by Sir Alfred Waterhouse in 1884, and acquired by Mr Martin's 30-year-old production company AIR (Associated Independent Recording) in 1990.

Three years and over £15 million later, the once-dilapidated Congregational Church is opening tomorrow as the most advanced multi-media studios in the world. The 12ft bank of multi-coloured buttons in the main control room make those fuzzy old pictures of Mr Martin fiddling with big, brown knobs on an Abbey Road console look like a still from *Thunderbirds*.

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The capacity and acoustics of the studio have already been tested and found to be superb: last December, the Prince of Wales attended a triumphant gala performance of *Under Milk Wood* scored by Mr Martin. Dire Straits are installed upstairs; mixing their live concert album.

Mr Martin, now 67, fell into record producing by accident, having been an oboist (trained by Margaret Asher, at a time when she had recently given birth to Jane), whose ambition was to be an aircraft designer. At the age of 22 he accepted an assistant's job at EMI's Parlophone label.

Soon he was head of Parlophone, recording not only the humorous albums by Peter Sellars and the Goons, but also Shirley Bassey, Matt Munro and Stan Getz as well as classical music with Sir Malcolm Sergeant and Sir Adrian Boult. But it was the Beatles who changed everything.

The history of George Martin as recording manager to the Beatles is well known, but he contradicts an astounding assertion made in Mark Lewisohn's most recent, much-praised book *The Complete Beatles Chronicle*, to the effect that in 1962 Mr Martin offered the group a contract before even having seen them.

"Not true. I wasn't surprised that the demo tape from Epstein [the Beatles' manager] had been turned down by Decca, it was pretty awful. But I immediately fell in love with the group, the people. My recollection is that I first met them in April '62, and we recorded in June in Abbey Road studio No 3; Mark says we met *and* recorded in June in No 2: that just isn't right."

That Mr Martin endorsed the book by way of a foreword, vouching for its total accuracy, is unfortunate. He further gives lie to the perennial rumour that an album of unreleased Beatles songs is about to appear. "I've listened to all the tapes: there are one or two interesting variations, but otherwise it's all junk. Couldn't possibly release it."

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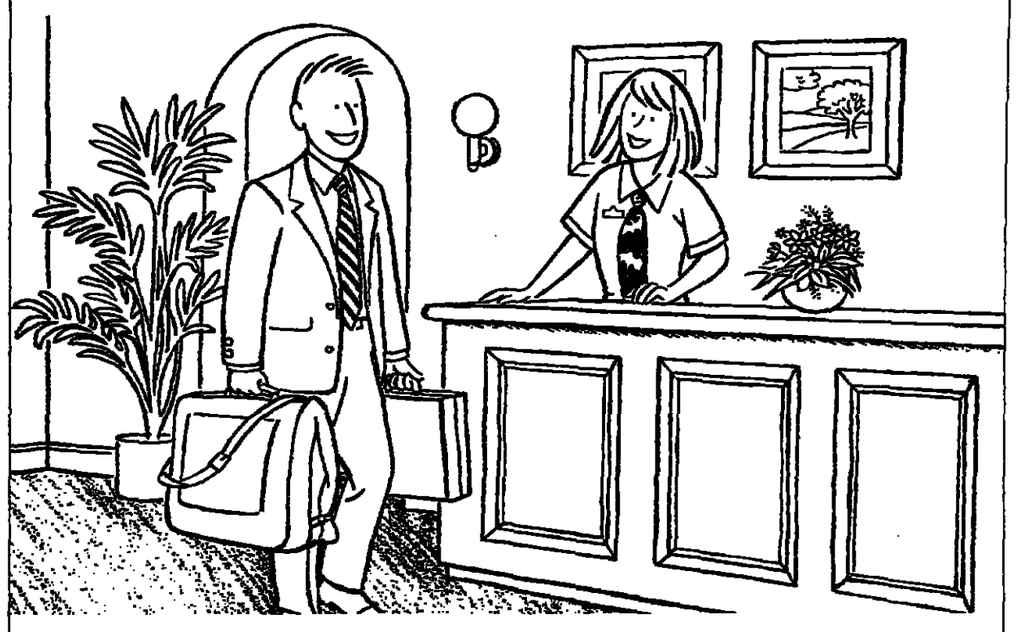
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Janet Daley



The weakest personalities are most attracted to messianic cults and should be protected from them

If your need is great enough, you will take your messiahs where you find them. Perhaps if David Koresh had not existed someone would have had to invent him. There is a sense, of course, in which he is the invention of his followers. And it is that which makes him of more interest than his small, rather pitiable exploits would suggest. Such bizarre charismatic cults seem to speak of a spiritual vacuum in which those deranged by modern urban life seek solace — although such sects proliferated in ancient Rome as well. That many of the contemporary ones are rapacious and exploitative seems only to add to the poignancy of their appeal. When they are equipped with an arsenal, thanks to the absurd gun laws of the United States, the questions become more urgent.

What kind of life is it that propels people into self-destruction in the name of an incoherent doctrine mouthed by a misfit? How could anyone believe that Mr Koresh, or any of the other rambling inadequates who have presented themselves to the credulous, was the reincarnated Christ? But then, why should anyone have believed that the lowly son of a carpenter — untutored in theology and in rebellion against the temple authorities — was the anointed son of God? He too instructed his followers to give up all their worldly goods — but to hand them over to the poor, not to him. His imitators do offer more or less plausible accounts for seizing the wealth of their converts: the money and property will be used to spread the word, to secure the future, to protect the flock from infidel persecution. The story only seems blatantly cynical from the outside. To those who believe absolutely, the sacrifices which are required need only another small leap of faith.

> What can be done about the ruthless zealot?

The distinguishing features of dangerous cults are reputed to be that they use mind control ("brainwashing") techniques, that they insist that their own doctrine is the only correct one, that their leaders are unquestionable authorities and that they take money from their disciples. A sinister catalogue indeed. Now ask yourself how many of those characteristics also apply to say, the Roman Catholic church. By which, I intend no slur upon Catholicism, but simply wish to show that while these conditions may be necessary for identifying a dodgy cult, they are not in themselves, sufficient.

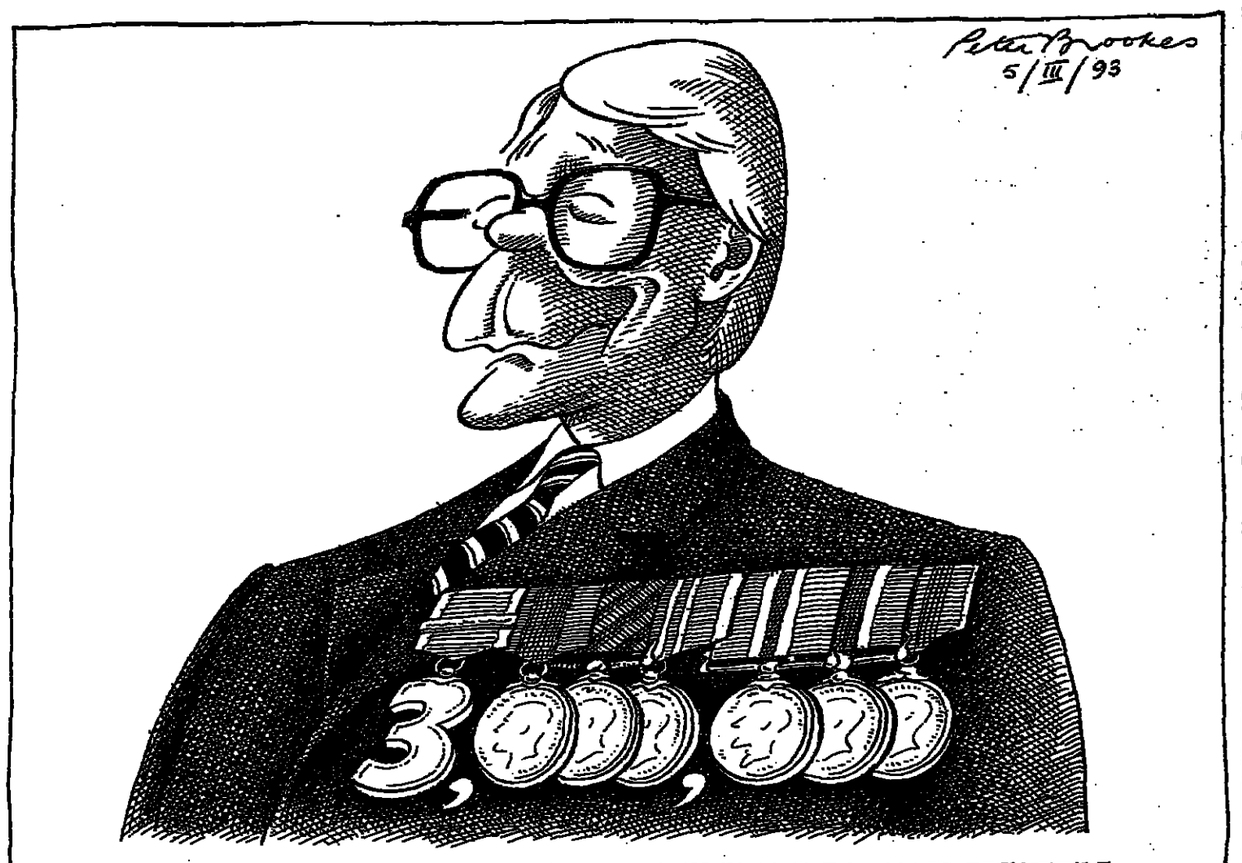
Families which have been torn apart by these movements, or whose loved ones are caught up in a suicidal frenzy, cannot wait for history's verdict on which beliefs are theologically worthwhile and which are lunatic. For them, the dispassionate tolerance which says that people must be allowed to believe what they like and take the consequences seems heartless and irresponsible. The academic difficulty of establishing clear-cut criteria for *bona fide* religions are precious little consolation when your child is being led away by the Moonies.

So given that trying to limit what people may believe, or do with their lives as a result of their beliefs, smacks of thought policing, what can be done about the unscrupulous zealot? Quite a lot really, provided we do not get waylaid by reverence for anything which calls itself a religion. A cult leader who preys upon the naive and the vulnerable is no less a criminal than any other kind of con man. When high-pressure sales techniques are used to persuade people to hand over their savings, even for legitimate purchases, the law has no hesitation in laying down safeguards: cooling-off periods, witnesses, ombudsmen. The kind of legal buffers which are offered to consumers may seem crass when applied to people's spiritual lives but they could offer just the kind of protection which worried families are demanding in cases like these.

For quasi-religious minority groups which present themselves as charities, there ought to be little difficulty in framing a statute which says that individual contributions to charity above a certain limit must also allow for a cooling-off period. To deal with sects which force their adherents into enforced seclusion, the law against imprisonment may need to be reinterpreted so that it can be applied to those who have apparently given their consent. Perhaps no one should be permitted to remain in such retreat without periodic visits by independent investigators who would have to be allowed to interview the individual alone.

Like most of its modern predecessors, this government observes religious freedom very strictly. Liberal democracies have been notoriously squeamish about seeming to interfere in people's rights to adopt any creed they like. Two years ago, a parliamentary panel urged a review of what it called "psychological offences" connected with coercive religious beliefs. Ironically, the more secular society becomes, the more it treats religion — or even its sinister impersonators — as untouchably sacrosanct.

But doctrine which speaks of another world still has consequences in this one. There cannot be different definitions of criminality for religious and non-religious endeavour: it is not people's beliefs which need to be brought under the law but their actions.



The sting in the tale

What is it in human nature that earns such easy profits for con men?

Bernard Levin

It is time I returned to my hero, Tony Hetherington, with his amazing and hilarious exposures of countless rogues, crooks, shysters and scofflaws. You will find him every week in the business section of *The Sunday Times*; let me describe what he does — for the fingering of the light-fingered is by no means his only trade.

He could best be described as a financial Agony Aunt; he does not tackle the marital and sexual problems of the nation, but dries the tears of the defrauded, straightens out tax-problems, corrects the haughtinesses and incompetences of the banks, and explains why this deficit or that windfall cannot be used as the enquirer would like. But I call him a hero because he spends weeks chasing through dusty documents and spending hours on the phone, just to make sure that the complainants who bombard him get what is their due; again and again he prises out of companies and organisations not only what his flock are entitled to, but an extra slice for the worry and waiting. Nor does he hesitate to slam the door in the face of an appellant who has no case, let alone a dubiously legal one.

But I didn't come here this morning just to make him blush over his breakfast. My purpose is to wonder once more about the propensity to swallow any patter, however obviously dishonest, which the purveyor of it assures the suckers comes under the heading of "There is a tide in the affairs of men/Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune". (If they would only read on for a few more pages, they would find that Brutus — for it is he — dies by his own hand, and rather messily, at that.)

Listen to one of Mr Hetherington's recent (and juicy) scams: a reader was about to fork out £1,769 for an American gold coin of 1882 which, said the seller, would be bound — absolutely and without doubt bound — to rise in value by 28 per cent to 30 per cent within the next eight months, and by 6 per cent *the very next day*.

The outfit who were promising these nothings-for-money called themselves the Washington Mint; the reader whose £1,769 was trembling in the scales remembered that there had been just such an enterprise, only the goods were gemstones rather than rare coins. Our sucker asked the crucial question: "Washington Mint has offices in Brussels, Washington, and Hong Kong. Is it respectable, and is the price fair?"

Now hear our St George. "The price is completely fair to Washington Mint. To you as an investor, it *stinks*." First, Tony checked with a genuine coin expert, whose verdict was that there were three versions of the coin; the best one was worth three-sevenths of the Washington Mint's asking price, the worst was worth one-ninth of the price.

A good start. Tony dug as far as America, where he found that there were no offices at the address given. He dug deeper; he discovered that Washington Mint had nothing to do with Washington or Mints, and indeed that the company had, a few years earlier, been legally forbidden to use either half of the name. Tony dug yet deeper; he turned up proof that the company had been making false claims about investments by suckers in silver. But Tony does not leave out the names. Hear his last words on the subject: "The man behind Washington Mint then was Frederic L. Berg. The business now appears to be run from Brussels, and that is where you will find Mr Berg. Don't give him a nickel."

And yet the correspondent was about to throw £1,769 away when Tony threw the lifebelt, and I have no doubt that many investors (recte suckers) who know not Tony, did lose such sums, and for all I know ten times as much.

Nor can we sniff and say that people who fork out like that are just motivated by greed; with a few exceptions I don't believe it. (The terms in which the Sunday sucker addressed Tony, for instance, were anything but those of a man who was licking his lips over the fortune he was about to make.) Yet confidence tricksters are by far the most successful criminals in every civilised country; even the most skilled burglars cannot match their winnings.

Do you know the story of Gay Byrne, that splendid Irish broadcaster, chat-show host and general good fellow? Gay was no monetary expert, but when he began to make a substantial income, a friend — who *was* a financial wizard — offered to take over all his monetary doings. Year after year, the friend paid him out of the funds that were accruing, year after year the friend invested wisely in good stocks, year after year the friend demonstrated that the worth of Gay's property had risen. Then the friend died, and Gay discovered that he was penniless; the "friend" had stolen everything Gay had. He was in debt for many thousands of pounds of commercial sums, and even more to the tax-man; Gay did not even own his house — the expert friend had sold it over his head. (He learned the news in the afternoon, and walked the streets all night, trying to find words in which to tell his wife.)

There was a happy ending, though it took years. Gay fought back, slowly and painfully paid off what he owed, and made a new start and a new income. Today, he is a man of whom you would think that he has never had misfortune visit him. And indeed, as anyone who has the least knowledge of Gay knows, he really *is* a wise, shrewd, well-balanced man, a man who would never allow himself to fall into such mire, at least not without testing the depth of the mire. Would such a man, you ask, give his money and his life into anyone's grasp on note of hand alone, at least not without making a few enquiries from time to time? Well, he did. (cf Maxwell, of course.)

There is a theory which argues that the easily deceived are the pure of heart: because they would never cheat or lie or steal — indeed, not do anything even slightly dubious — their very make-up ensures that they cannot suspect anyone else of doing what they would never do. It is a touching faith, but it cannot be true; again and again we hear of the hard-boiled, the ruthless, the ironclad, being caught in the same net that was used to fiddle an aged and absent-minded widow out of her savings.

There is another side to this argument, but I offer it cautiously, in case some of the swindled are reading these words: they are words from which they are unlikely to take comfort. I have written on the subject in a different context, but I think it is valid here too.

Many people are run over by drunken drivers; many others have their homes burnt down by a careless match; some are in aeroplanes which crash; there are even a few cases of rabies from infected dogs; yes, there are countless horrors and pains and disappointments and injuries and robberies and murders — truly countless afflictions, man-made or (a beastly slur on the Almighty) "act of God". But, by and large, we do not go about the streets or in our homes as though one or more of these bolts from nowhere is about to fall upon us. On the contrary, we behave, even the most pessimistic of us, as though we are utterly immune, even immortal.

This is why I said I might offend some of my readers; a family who have lost everything to thieves, or who have seen the breadwinner killed by a drug-steeped driver, are not likely to think of immunity, let alone immortality. But a moment's calm thought shows that it is true. For every murdered human being there are very many millions who stay alive; for every burglary there are gigantic crowds of the unburgled, for every misfortune there are thousands who have never been struck by lightning, literal or metaphorical. The truth is that wickedness, though there is a very great deal of it in countless varieties, is only an almost invisible proportion among the good, the true, the untouched. This, presumably, is what stops Tony Hetherington from being a cynic, or going mad; there is certainly enough wickedness in the world to keep him and a dozen like him (though there is none like him) in business, but he knows that for every one of the swindled who seek his help there are 10,000 who will never need his counsel.

Still, the rogues in his column make most of the entertaining bits; I wish he would write a book — not just of his encounters with rogues, but a serious study of human gullibility and what it signifies. I'll give him a cynic of my own for a start. I was in Berlin a few months ago, where the Yugoslav refugees were trying to make a living. And at what? Why, the three-card trick; and as I watched, a queue formed, an entire queue had lined up to be fleeced. And nobody said "Baaaaaa!"

A rotten system of honours

Radical reform is overdue, says John Grigg

The prime minister's long-awaited reform of the honours system is good as far as it goes, but does not amount to much. A few blemishes are to be removed, but the biggest blemishes will remain.

There is a good case for having some sort of honours system, and most countries in practice have one. The idea that honours are to be found only in monarchical states is palpably false. Republican France has an elaborate system of awards. In the United States, medals, and even some titles, are conferred.

The justification for honours is that they can provide a criterion of public achievement and merit that is quite distinct from, and not dictated by, power or wealth. Much of the really valuable work in a country is done by people who do not hold important offices and who are either underpaid, or not paid at all, for their services. It is right that such people should be honoured, and in no invidiously mean or inferior way.

Unfortunately our honours system has given too much recognition to those who are already prominent and/or rich, too little to those who are neither, but whose work is of immense cumulative worth.

The central flaw in the system is that it is under direct political control. From the public interest point of view, this is disastrously wrong for two main reasons. First, it adds another dimension to the already excessive patronage of the government, and of the prime minister in particular. Nobody holding Mr Major's job, with the difficulties and pressures that it entails, could fail to abuse the honours system to some degree, for the purpose of rewarding supporters and penalising troublemakers. The temptation is too great to be resisted by any human being.

Even if the possibility of financial corruption, for the purpose of party fund-raising, could be absolutely discounted — and it is hard to see how it can fail to exist, in however camouflaged and indirect a form — the element of power corruption is ever present and easily discernible in any honours list. Lady Thatcher's bestowal of knighthoods on friendly editors is one obvious case in point. Another is the regular appearance of a posse of backbench Conservative MPs among the new knights in every list. This practice will continue, and the motivation is unlikely to change.

The other main reason for regarding the present system as gravely defective is that those who operate it are, for the most part, too busy to give it anything like the systematic and concentrated attention it deserves. From the prime minister, through departmental ministers, down to the civil servants who sift recommendations, the pressure of other work is too intense to enable our complex system of honours to be rationalised and properly administered. As a result it is, at best, a very hit-or-miss affair; at worst, a perennial scandal.

The overwhelming requirement is that it should be removed from politics and from the existing Whitehall machine, and entrusted instead to an independent mediating body on the analogy of the Arts Council or the Higher Education Funding Council. Such a body would be responsible for assessing the merits of all candidates for honours, including those put in by ministers or government departments, and then recommending names for inclusion in the two honours lists. Ordinary members of the public should be actively encouraged to send in names for consideration, as the prime minister has rightly proposed.

In addition, the Honours Council or Commission (whatever it might be called) would have the task of reviewing the basis on which honours are awarded and, where necessary, of changing the balance as between different categories of public service. At present, only the armed forces and the diplomatic service are shown separately in the lists. All the other categories are lumped together in a mass of grey print from which no significant comparisons can be drawn.

Under a reformed system there would be separate lists for a wide variety of other categories: health, education, literature and the arts, science, technology, business initiative, civil service, police, sport, politics (national and local) and, not least, voluntary service. With such a breakdown, it would be possible for everyone to be reasonably satisfied that the distribution of honours was wise and fair.

The new body would, of course, have to be composed of people of the highest probity, intelligence and repute, in whom the public could have entire confidence. It should have the staff and resources needed for the task, and it should work full-time.

At the apex of the honours system (beneath the sovereign) stands the House of Lords, and no reform that fails to tackle the House of Lords question can be taken seriously. This matter could not come within the scope of the new independent body. It would have to be dealt with by Parliament itself. But unless and until it is dealt with our honours system will be rotten at the top.

Thatcher's targets

JOHN Major would do well to desist from attacks, veiled or otherwise, on his predecessor. She is, after all, being very kind to him in her memoirs — so far.

Relations between the two camps are strained, particularly after his newspaper reference to being in a "minority" over manufacturing policy in the 1980s. Baroness Thatcher may be tempted to retaliate.

If she does, though, it is unlikely to be in her memoirs. Lady Thatcher, whose low profile in the Maastricht debate owes more to her determination to complete her book than to reticence, has reserved most of her venom for her former colleagues Lord Howe and Lord Lawson.

The book comes out on the eve of the party conference, so Major will be relieved to learn that he has thus far escaped lightly. Far from accusing her successor of a sell-out, Lady Thatcher expresses her relief that it was Major, and not Heseltine, who won the contest.

One of her supporters says: "She spells out what she thought at the time: a Heseltine victory would have undone all her work. John Major kept Heseltine out."

The former prime minister is working all hours on the tome with Robin Harris, her chief of staff. They are not helped by the fact that the only time she kept a diary was during the Falklands war.

The book was going to conclude with her departure from Downing Street but now she has decided to write an epilogue outlining what she would have done, had she gone on. Major, however, should not breathe too easily. She has not finished writing.

● *Sir Norman Fowler's reforms of the Tory party seem to have failed their first test. Dozens of party members failed to receive their admission passes, or their agendas, in time for today's Conservative Central Council meeting at Harrogate. Chaos is predicted. Someone will have some explaining to do and it may well be Peter Dodson, secretary of the party's National Union, appointed last month by Fowler to head the new conference unit.*

Second sight

NEXT time Gus O'Donnell, the prime minister's press secretary, holds a briefing on economic recovery he may receive a sceptical response. With Treasury forecasts notoriously unreliable, O'Donnell may be relying on alternative methodology: gazing at a crystal ball.

One such ball was presented to O'Donnell by Charles Reiss, political editor of the *Evening Standard*, who no doubt thought it would be a more reliable economic indicator. It has pride of place in O'Donnell's Downing Street office. What would Sir Bernard Ingham have thought?

● *They gave you leaves on the line. They gave you the wrong type of snow. And now, direct from British Rail, the latest whacky, wonderful excuse for late trains: unclipped points. The 2pm Swansea train took two hours to travel 15 miles from Paddington to Ealing Broadway on Wednesday. Two bus journeys and diversions via Slough and Reading were involved and the passengers arrived in Wales five hours late. Along the way a Tannoy appeal was made for any BR staff who could "clip the points". A BR spokesman explains: "We have to operate the points manually when the power fails. It's a last resort."*

Pause for effect

WHEN the Rev Michael Manley announced from the pulpit what he was giving up for Lent his congregation were delighted. Manley, vicar of St Luke and St Oswald, Preston, has stopped giving sermons. But his flock will not be deprived of spiritual sustenance. "They have to take the pressure instead and stage two-minute dramatic productions to illustrate the readings," he says. "At least they are funnier than my sermons."

If at first . . .

THE omens do not look so good for L'Escargot, the Soho restaurant, which opens under new management next month. Both head chefs in the restaurant, whose financial backers include Jonathan Ross, come from eateries which have closed. David Cavalier was owner and head chef at Cavaliers, Battersea, which shut two years ago. He has worked at The Bell, Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire, ever since. Garry Hollihead was head chef at Sutherlands in Soho, which called in the receivers last year. He says all will be well at L'Escargot. After all he did leave "five minutes before Sutherlands went down".

Oh, oh, Antonia

HAROLD Pinter has a rival. Lady Antonia Fraser, his wife, declared on Radio 4 yesterday that if she could choose a lover from history it would be William Shakespeare. Speaking on *Looking Forward to the Past*, she trilled: "Think about the morning after — I would be lying back in Stratford. He would be there with that quill pen, that great domed head, his ruff slightly askew after the passion we had shared. And he would be writing 'Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?' to me. I would be his muse."



● *Liverpool city council's involvement in a forest creation scheme on Merseyside has ground to a temporary halt. The sponsor is Nuclear Electric and the council has spent thousands of pounds on signs declaring itself a nuclear-free zone.*

Euro-Currie

TORY MPs at last have the chance to wreak their revenge on Jacques Delors. Edwina Currie is now within walking distance of Brussels. Currie has made it to the shortlist of three for the Bedfordshire South Euro-constituency, which the party is expected to hold in the Euro-elections this summer.

Currie's opponents are Graham Mather, a former director of the Institute of Economic Affairs, who now runs the European Policy Forum, and Andrew Pearce, who lost his Euro-seat at the last election.

Currie, the favourite, has been deluged with offers of help from her Westminster colleagues.

PASSING THE BUCK

Mr Major cannot escape all blame for past mistakes

Every time the prime minister tries to climb out of a political hole, he seems to lose his footing and slip yet further down. Yesterday he skidded and slithered at question time as John Smith taunted him over remarks he had made in an interview with *The Independent*. Mr Major, it seems, had intended to reassert his authority and trumpet his "revolution". Instead his words were seen as an unwarranted attack on the government of his predecessor, a most ungentlemanly act from which prime ministers traditionally refrain.

The prime minister can be seen to some extent as unfortunate. If he was truly criticising an aspect of Thatcherite policy — the assertion that manufacturing industry was becoming less important to the economy than services — his indiscretion appears more maladroit than vindictive. Asked about the assertion, he replied: "I don't agree with it. I didn't agree with it in the Eighties. I was a minority view in the Eighties. I am not a minority view now — and, anyway, I am in a better position to expound my views." It is uncharitable to read into these words a vituperative assault on Margaret Thatcher's whole philosophy.

Somewhat more disingenuous was the way in which he sought to blame the previous administration for the economic mess in which he has found himself. "I think you have to consider the inheritance I had when I became prime minister: we had 15 per cent interest rates, inflation just under 11 per cent, there was no certainty that interest rates wouldn't go up and no certainty inflation wouldn't go up." Did he suppose that his readers might be unaware which future prime minister was Chancellor of the Exchequer at the time? Perhaps he was intending to lay the blame further back, on the Lawson chancellorship. Then, after all, he was only Chief Secretary to the Treasury, a job he held for all but three months of the ill-advised boom.

In peaceful political times, none of this would be worth more than idle amusement. It is only today, with opponents of Maastricht ever alert to counter-attack, that it carries any weight. Mr Major's Tory critics can be relied upon to strike back hard against the slightest of slights. This latest row shows once again how corrosive the ratification process has become.

Although the substance of the argument may be small, it does, however, serve another purpose. It reinforces the memory of just how silent was the prime minister's rise to power. Many ministers in the Thatcher administration let it be known, privately or not so privately, that they were out of sympathy with her views or style. Most of them were excluded from the cabinet for many years as a result. Had one of those ministers subsequently won the leadership, he would have been quite justified in reiterating his position now.

Mr Major, by contrast, was one of those who kept his head down. He rarely strayed outside his brief. So reticent was he that, by the time he was appointed foreign secretary, he had still not made his views on Europe known. One of the main reasons why he won the leadership election was that his beliefs, even then, were so opaque that MPs on all sides of the party thought he agreed with them. In particular, the Thatcherites thought he was their man. So he should be particularly careful when dissociating himself from the policies of the past. Mr Major does not need to stress how different is his leadership from that of his predecessor: it is all too luminously apparent in his style, his words and his actions.

Prime ministers who take over the leadership of their party after it has already been in government for some years are always at some disadvantage. They cannot spend all their time criticising the previous Labour or Tory regime the way they would if pendulum politics were operating. A long period of one-party rule necessitates instead the occasional admission of error. Had Mr Major sounded more contrite in his interview, he might have won plaudits for honesty. Instead, he looked as if he was dishonourably shifting blame on to colleagues which he could more humbly have shouldered himself.

THE PERILS OF LENDING

Bankers are all too slow to learn lessons from the past

Bank lending disasters have been as common over the past 12 years as a bad day at the races. They have happened in too many big financial centres to be mere coincidence or bad luck. From the Third World debt debâcle via the American oil slump and Japan's financial crash to the British recession, the story has been the same. Sober bankers have fallen over each other to lend to the latest boom sector. They have put the desire to outdo their rivals ahead of the simple lesson that bubbles always burst.

Britain's main clearing banks have each had their particular black years: Midland even lost its independence as the price of suffering one too many. But there is still something particularly shocking about the troubles of Barclays, which was long seen as the canniest of the big banks, a reputation taken to justify the traditional succession of the best scions of its network of Victorian founding families. Yesterday Barclays announced the first loss in its 300-year history after writing off £2.5 billion for bad debts, mostly in Britain.

Customers, whether private depositors or small business borrowers, can only look aghast at such profligate lending. They suspect, generally correctly, that they are paying the price through increased charges and fees. Banks now aim to outdo each other in raising income, cutting jobs, calling in risky loans, shedding unprofitable customers and closing branches.

Others are paying too. In Barclays' case, the price to shareholders is particularly clear. In 1988, the bank's non-family chairman decided Barclays had to regain its top spot in the British banking league, raised £900 million from shareholders and embarked on a lending spree when the market was at its highest. As a result, Barclays has lost all that money on loans to property companies alone and dividends have been cut.

The City is furious. Sir John Quinton, an engaging career bank manager best known for taking Barclays into football sponsorship, retired early. Investors' ire is now focused on his successor, Andrew Buxton, Sir John's main lending lieutenant. Mr Buxton would not have been elected to the combined jobs of chairman and chief executive, say the critics, had he not been a member of one of the most prominent of Barclays' founding families. City institutions, angry at their own misjudgment, have hit on privilege as a scapegoat.

If family inheritance has any lessons for today, it is that the separation of boardroom control from day-to-day management was healthy. Otherwise Barclays' traditions are largely irrelevant to its plight. It was Sir John who ditched most family board members and brought in the authors of the Lawson boom for their sage advice. Too many banks have lost their way, whether run by family members, entrepreneurs, distinguished outsiders or those who have worked up the corporate ladder. Sadly, for all the fashionable scurrying to tighten "risk management", they will probably only repeat their mistakes.

UP TO A POINT, PRIME MINISTER

Memorandum from the Permanent Secretary: March 5, 1993

With the greatest possible respect, prime minister, I am constrained to protest with the utmost vehemence about the proposed new arrangements for the honours system you announced to the House yesterday, without having the courtesy to warn me. As Richard Crossman (whose private secretary I once was) observed in the first volume of his deeply unprofessional but not entirely impercipient diaries, the reply of "Yes, Minister", in the jargon of Whitehall, implies politeness rather than assent. Courtesy was the only sense in which I approved your speeches about honours.

Of course, I quite understand the need, for electoral purposes, to emphasise in public your attachment to a classless society "at ease with itself". But you must not expect your senior civil servants to approve of ease as a policy objective, or applaud when you put your Leveller's moral posturing into practice. Behind the political rhetoric, they have to keep the wheels of the administration turning; and honours are an essential and economical oil for that purpose.

By reducing and diluting that useful oil, even by so little as you announced yesterday, you impair the efficiency of administration. Well-deserved knighthoods delivered automatically on retirement are part of the unwritten contract under which we joined the service. Old Boofy Armstrong of the FO would have joined the board of Empire Gold Mines Inc years ago if he had not been hanging on for his KCMG ("Kindly Call Me God", as the young rascals dub it) to be upgraded to the final accolade of GCMG ("God Calls Me God"). Bernard Woolley is not at all amused that he may have to share the MBE he expects with your chauffeur!

Foreign governments will not understand. It is part of the necessary etiquette of diplomacy that our ambassadors to Paris and certain other major capitals should receive knighthoods on their appointment. The foreigners expect it, and would feel dishonoured by an ambassador with less.

At least, prime minister, I am in full accord with your decision to leave political honours severely untouched. Your backbenchers are turbulent enough without taking away the useful carrot of a knighthood and stick of its denial to keep them in order. If you started giving politicians knighthoods for merit rather than loyalty, that mischievous but talented trouble-maker Julian Critchley would be the only one of his intake with a knighthood, rather than the only one without one.

Thank Bagehot you have resisted the siren voices urging you to undertake a root-and-branch pruning of the system, a commission to consider the whole rickety structure, the removal of its control from the Downing Street engine-room, and all such radical claptrap. If you let the daylight in on our patronage system, you will destroy its magic. I have the honour to remain, prime minister, your humble and civil servant, Sir Humphrey Appleby, CB, CVO, GCB, KCB, etc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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History and experience brought to bear in fight against juvenile crime

From Professor Jonathan Shepherd

Sir, Serious violent crimes are nothing new, though some provoke media and public outrage more than others ("Violent years when teenagers first terrorised Britain", report, March 1). Fortunately, we have much more reliable information on crime rates now than in the days of "teddy boys", when all that was available were police crime statistics.

In England and Wales, doorstep interviewers for the British Crime Survey (BCS) found only a 20 per cent increase in woundings and robbery between 1981 and 1991, whereas comparable offences recorded by the police increased by 90 per cent (partly because more violent crime is reported now than it used to be). BCS and casualty department statistics show less marked increases and more frequent peaks and troughs — for example, that national rates of violence fell between 1981 and 1983.

In the Bristol Royal Infirmary casualty department, which serves the most deprived areas of the city, numbers of victims attending for treatment remained constant between 1977 and 1987, before a substantial increase to 1991. Although the infirmary's rates of attendance of victims of violence rose from 260 per 100,000 population in 1973 to 850 per 100,000 in 1990, this only represented an increase from 1 per cent to 3 per cent of overall case load.

Throughout this period a large majority of victims were young men, many of whom had been drinking heavily and had been treated after assaults on more than one occasion. In both Avon and South Glamorgan hospitals, a month frequently goes by without one crime victim over the age of 50 attending for treatment.

Individual incidents are tragic and can prick the national conscience. Violent crime, however, gives rise to much less loss of life, pain and suffering than accidents. An unemotional assessment of risk of assault in Britain today is, from a public health perspective, a highly reassuring and comforting exercise for residents of all but the poorest areas.

Nevertheless, there is no room for complacency, and historical perspectives of violence can be useful. Between 1856 and 1914 assaults and robbery recorded by the police in England and Wales fell by 55 per cent and 90 per cent respectively. Such decreases would be a triumph for crime prevention and the public health if they occurred today.

Explanations have included progressively less economic deprivation, a settled social order, enfranchisement and, significantly, the moralising influence of the reformers. Without Shaftesbury, for example, whose long-sustained mission in education, mental health and the slums was overtly based on his Christian faith, much less progress would have been made. Is there anyone in public life today who will carry this torch?

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From Mr A. H. Isaacs

Sir, Your report of March 3 on the Home Office proposal for new "secure training centres" to hold persistent juvenile offenders appeared alongside an article, "Therapeutic success is swept aside", on the recent closure of Peper Harow at Godalming, Surrey — one of a group of three charity-run residential centres with long experience of treating similar children.

Peper Harow closed in February because of under-utilisation by local authorities. Its assets consisted mainly of bricks and mortar and a very dedicated staff, and once it began to incur serious income deficiencies it was inevitable that the trustees could not hope to sustain it. In the trustees' view, the closure was largely the result of pressures on local authority finance and the refusal of the departments concerned to countenance any form of central government funding.

Now the Home Office comes along with a proposal which apparently does involve central government funding of amounts considerably in excess of what was the cost per child at Peper Harow. You report weekly costs per child of up to £2,700: Peper Harow, at the time of its closure, was costing around £1,200 per week per child. The Home Office talks of the new establishments not being operational until 1994 or 1995.

Government policy seems to be both arbitrary and not cost-effective; but if charitable trustees are to be encouraged to run what are clearly high-risk ventures in a difficult field they must have some satisfactory security against the risk of personal liability for running cost deficiencies which, if closure becomes necessary, are seriously compounded by huge redundancy costs for the staff.

Would not the money that is now suddenly to be available for the new secure units be better spent providing sensible support to charities and others with experience of running therapeutic communities? The best chance of securing better practice and more effective treatment is to remove from these organisations the continuing prospect of insolvency.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. ISAACS
(Chairman of trustees),
Peper Harow Organisation,
14 Charterhouse Square, EC1.

From Mrs J. K. T. Broad

Sir, You give the cost of rehabilitation for offenders at Glenthorne youth treatment centre, Birmingham, as £2,700 per person per week. This is £300 less than I receive per annum as my state pension.

Yours faithfully,
JOY BROAD,
3 Broad Strand,
Rustington, West Sussex.
March 3.

From Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC

Sir, As a member, during the whole period of its life from 1966 to 1978, of the home secretary's advisory council on the penal system, which produced reports on detention centres (1970) and young adult offenders (1974), I feel qualified to echo the views (letter, March 3) of the director general of Save the Children and his co-signatories.

Society will not benefit from the use (and potential over-use) of expensive and untested (even untestable) new closed institutions, save for the dubious satisfaction of removing from the community for a limited time a handful of young tearaways. What might be achieved by training these offenders to conform to social dictates can be done more successfully outside high walls.

If it is too late to divert the home secretary from his proposed course of action I have one proposal to make.

The secure training centres should be officially known as Kenneth Clarke Centres. That will at least indicate the architect of the latest edition of the edifices of penal monstrosities.

Yours faithfully,
LOUIS BLOM-COOPER
2 Ripplevale Grove,
Islington, N1.
March 3.

From Mr Bob Dunn, MP for Dartford (Conservative), and others

Sir, Two points should be made clear in the light of the home secretary's statement to the House of Commons on the need for action against persistent juvenile offenders.

First, that there are a minority of people in our society who are distinctly evilly inclined, and that young children commit offences and terrorise neighbourhoods with the knowledge, and sometimes with the consent, of their parents or parent.

Secondly, that through the agency of television and the video-machine, violence, often of the most sickening and chilling type, is equated with entertainment and thus becomes part of accepted behaviour.

Thus, whilst the provision of new secure training centres is welcomed, the main battle has yet to be joined. Home Office ministers must ensure that penalties are laid against parents when their "under age" offspring behave and act like thugs. Persistent offenders must also be taken to secure centres now to prevent imitative behaviour.

Equally, section 29 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 must be changed immediately, so that magistrates can be made aware of the offender's previous convictions before sentencing for new ones.

It is time that the emphasis of the courts was changed to the defence of the law-abiding in our society — the persecuted majority.

Yours faithfully,
BOB DUNN,
RHODES BOYSON,
JAMES PAWSEY,
House of Commons.
March 3.

From Mr Barry J. Hunt

Sir, The director general of Save the Children and his co-signatories argue that we must "restore hope and create opportunities" for young people.

Such critics of contemporary society neglect the point that existing opportunities have to be taken, as well as new ones provided. Certain opportunities in today's society — in education, for instance — are being squandered by some of the young.

We hear much talk about schools "failing" children: very little about the failure of children to make use of the opportunities available to them. "Restoring hope" is as much the responsibility of children and their parents as of society at large.

Yours sincerely,
BARRY J. HUNT,
2 Claremont Court,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
March 3.

From Mr Christopher Arthur

Sir, The Children Act 1989 empowered minors to seek the right to brief lawyers to represent their interests in court ("Son in custody dispute too young to choose lawyers", February 27).

Cannot the so-called progressive thinkers see the connection between this kind of nonsense and the growing problem of criminal behaviour among the young? We are living in the age of the mini-adult, when children are being promoted above their proper station in society.

Thirty years ago we had got it about right — alas, we did not know it at the time.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER ARTHUR,
50 Hallgarth Street, Durham.
February 27.

Not just cricket

From Dr Anthony P. Hall

Sir, In your editorial on the English cricket team in India (February 17), you quoted my written advice to them that included the avoidance of shellfish and Chinese restaurants there, and accused the team of a lack of professionalism. However, I often see far worse in diplomats and businessmen working in the tropics, 50 per cent of whom show signs of ill health caused by excessive alcohol and/or food. Obesity, hypertension, enlarged livers and abdominal problems often result.

Charities, mostly run by amateurs, often send people on impossible assignments in the tropics. Many cannot cope and are medically evacuated back to the UK with expatriate stress. Others are malingering by faking illness to coincide with their children's half-term holidays from boarding schools or other domestic commitments, almost always at the expense of insurance companies. Sex tourists may acquire HIV and other infections which may kill new partners back in the UK.

If people had to pay for all these and other avoidable diseases, the health service would cost the taxpayer less and waiting lists could be reduced.

Yours faithfully,
TONY HALL,
7 Wimpole Street, W1.

Hospital referrals

From Dr P. W. G. Evans

Sir, I cannot agree with Dr Robin Russell Jones (letter, February 24) that improving GP care and diagnostic yield will result in an increased referral of patients to hospitals. Modern group practices should manage most general medical problems such as diabetes, asthma, epilepsy and heart failure themselves. Partners refer within the practice to colleagues with particular expertise in one area of medicine. Our practice sends few patients with diabetes or asthma to hospital.

Investment in primary care in London needs to be directed at providing capital equipment in the surgeries such as glucose monitors, ECG machines, sigmoidoscopes, ultrasound and X-ray machines, so that GPs have the facilities to diagnose properly. Such investment has been an obvious defect in recent changes to the GP contract.

Yours sincerely,
P. W. G. EVANS,
Jubilee Surgery, High Street,
Titchfield, Hampshire.
February 26.

Defence cuts

From the Editor of Jane's Fighting Ships

Sir, Opinion polls show that the armed forces are held in high regard, and some of your columnists have commented favourably on the standards that are still maintained, most recently Woodrow Wyatt on February 23. For how much longer?

In the past three years the navy has paid off 35 major warships and submarines under *Options for Change*, and there are now further contingency plans for the early retirement of up to ten more frigates and the last four, all new, conventional submarines. This is the visible part of an iceberg of cutbacks in manpower, equipment development and the timely provision of spares for ships in service.

In the same period three new frigates and two Trident submarines have been ordered, but repeated ministerial statements of commitment to replace obsolete amphibious ships have yet to lead to a shipyard contract.

On shore, two long-standing centres of excellence, the Portland surface ship sea-training base and the Gosport submarine squadron, are being closed, and the unique contribution of the Plymouth naval engineering college is under threat (Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly's letter, March 1). All these facilities may be merged with other organisations to the satisfaction of Whitehall bureaucrats, but standards evolved from decades of focused development will not cheaply be recreated elsewhere.

The defence climate has changed as a result of the collapse of the former Soviet Union. What is also changing is the US commitment and ability to look after Europe's worldwide interests, and a common EC foreign and defence policy is beginning to look as unlikely as a common currency.

We value our national seat as a member of the UN Security Council, a position that cannot be sustained as our future military contribution dwindles. It seems a funny time to undermine the morale and competence of one of the few national institutions we believe we can trust, and one that is so vital to our long-term interests.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD SHARPE,
Editor, *Jane's Fighting Ships*,
Foundry House, Kingsley,
Bordon, Hampshire.
March 2.

From Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff

Sir, Michael Evans ("RAF dismisses many of its senior officers", March 3), reaches an inaccurate and potentially damaging conclusion when he states that two in every three officers above the rank of squadron leader are threatened with losing their jobs.

In reality decisions have yet to be reached on the size and shape of the next tranche of RAF redundancies and, as with the previous phase, a whole range of ranks, age groups and specialisations will be taken into consideration. An announcement is not likely for some time.

It is, however, clear that the scale of redundancies above the rank of squadron leader will be nowhere near two in three and it remains the RAF's intention to meet its redundancy needs largely by volunteers.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GRAYDON,
Ministry of Defence,
Main Building,
Whitehall, SW1.
March 3.

Heritage 'hit list'

From the President of the Society for Medieval Archaeology

Sir, Last autumn English Heritage announced that it intended to divide the monuments in its care into three categories and that it would seek to dispose of control over the third (reports, October 26, 27, 1992). A list of 204 monuments, not all of them grade C, was published in *The Guardian* on October 29, apparently obtained from English Heritage.

There is deepening concern among my members about these "hit-list" monuments, on which I understand expenditure on repairs has ceased. Over 100 years' experience and skill in treating dangerous ruins will be lost when the entire direct-labour staff is discharged over the next three years.

As normal contractors are understandably often afraid of even erecting scaffolding against "dangerous" ruins, how are they to be preserved? Do there have to be fatalities from falling masonry before this Mad Hatter's tea party can be checked?

The government's ideological considerations that have prompted the present policies of English Heritage are not likely to offer much comfort to relatives bereaved by an accident of this kind.

Yours truly,
MICHAEL THOMPSON,
President, The Society for Medieval Archaeology,
Charlotte House,
The Lawn, Union Road, Lincoln.

Chess rules

From Mr Stewart Reuben

Sir, Mr Marcel Berlins (letter, February 26) queries the practice of adjourning unfinished chess games.

Clearly it is impossible to play a game of totally unlimited length. The games in the recent Fischer-Spassky encounter showed signs that some results were decided mainly by stamina.

The standard rate of play used to be 40 moves per player in two-and-a-half hours and then adjournment. Forty moves in two hours, followed by 20 moves per hour with adjournments after six hours' play, is more modern. About 20 per cent of games were adjourned under the old system, now it is 5 per cent.

Others prefer an eight-hour session of 40 moves per player in two hours, followed by 20 moves in one hour, followed by all the moves in one hour. This has been used at Hastings and provided no problems. I introduced this system with reluctance, particularly at the request of the leading English players.

We try to balance the desire for games of high quality (requiring slow rates of play), with the sporting wish for a rapid result in a finite time. This is not a problem unique to chess; both cricket and tennis have experimented in various ways.

I hope this assures Mr Berlins that the problem is recognised and is being worked at — albeit sometimes so slowly that introducing a chess clock to make us reach a decision seems necessary.

Yours faithfully,
S. REUBEN (Director of Home Chess), British Chess Federation,
9a Grand Parade,
St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex.

Far from comfortable

From Mrs Lindy Price

Sir, Among the least helpful signs or notices that I have seen recently the prize must surely go to the one on the M40, just east of the Oxford turnoff, which reads:

"Emergency WC 20 miles"

Even at 70 mph that would take over a quarter of an hour.

Yours faithfully,
LINDY PRICE,
Moor Park, Llanbedr,
Crickhowell, Powys.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 4: The Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Michael of Kent today visited British Aerospace Defence. Military Division. Warton. Lancashire.

Wing Commander Christopher Moran RAF and Lieutenant Colonel Sir Christopher Thompson. Bt were in attendance.

By command of The Queen the Viscount St Davids (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Departure of The Duke of Gloucester for Australia and bade farewell to His Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

March 4: His Excellency Monsieur Auguste Magba was received in audience by The Prince Edward on behalf of The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Central African Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following member of the Embassy: Monsieur Germain Gresenguet (First Counsellor).

Madame Magba was also received by His Royal Highness.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

His Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty this afternoon received Fellows participating in the Commonwealth Foundation Fellowship Scheme to promote Commonwealth Understanding.

Mr. 'Inoke Faletau (Director of the Commonwealth Foundation) was present.

The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening attended a Reception for the Young Presidents' Organisation at St James's Palace.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

March 4: The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning attended a Trustee Meeting at 81 St Newgate Street, London EC1.

Her Royal Highness, Colonel in Chief, The Royal Logistics Corps, this afternoon received Major-General Colin Carrington upon assuming his appointment as Representative Colonel Commandant and Major-General David Burden, Director General Logistic Support (Army).

The Princess Royal this evening attended the Horse and Hound Annual Dinner and Ball, the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 4: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, this evening departed from Heathrow Airport to carry out engagements in Australia.

Upon arrival at Heathrow Airport His Royal Highness was received by the Australian High Commissioner (His Excellency Mr R Smith), the Secretary-General of the Order of St John (Mr T Everard) and the Director of Regions and Sales for British Airways (Mr J Watson).

Major Nicholas Barne is in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at a Private View of "The Great Age of British Watercolours 1750-1880" in aid of Research into Ageing at Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
March 4: Princess Alexandra, President, this morning attended the Town and Country Meeting of the Children's Country Holidays Fund at Westminster Cathedral Hall, London SW1.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Luncheon

City and Guilds of London Institute
Mr Paul Wates, Chairman of Council, and Honorary Officers of the City and Guilds of London Institute were hosts at a luncheon given on March 4, at Goldsmiths' Hall, London, EC2.

Diplomas of Honorary Fellowship of the City and Guilds of London Institute were presented at the Institute's Yearly Meeting which followed the luncheon to Sir Anthony Bamford, DL, Baroness Cox, Sir Brian Hill, Sir Christopher Hogg, Miss Prue Leith, OBE, Mr Bill Morris, Sir Jeremy Morse, KCMG, Sir Allen Sheppard and Mr John Barnes, CBE.

Diplomas of Fellowship of the Institute were presented to Eur Ing Geoffrey Beckett, Mr Wilfred Corrigan, ACGI, Professor Peter Hills, ACGI, Dr Jasper Mardon, CGIA, Professor Kevin Warwick, MCGI, Professor John West and Dr John Wright, MCGI.

Among others present were the Clerk of the Goldsmiths' Company and Lord Gregson of Stockport, DL, Lord Chapple of Hoxton, Sir David Woodbine Parish, CBE, and Sir Clifford Chetwood, Vice-Presidents of the Institute.

Memorial services

Professor Leslie Young
A memorial service for Professor Leslie Young was held yesterday in the Chapel of St Thomas' Hospital. The Rev Michael Stevens, chaplain, officiated. Professor Eldred Walls read from *Back to Methuselah* by George Bernard Shaw, Mr Tony Young, son, read from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran and Mr Toby Young, grandson, read *Abou Ben Adhem* by J.H.L. Hunt. Dr Brian Creamer gave an address.

Sir Roderick MacLeod
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Roderick MacLeod, Chairman of Lloyd's Register, 1983 - 1993, will be held in Southwark Cathedral at 3pm on Thursday, March 25, 1993. Tickets are not required, and all are most welcome to attend the Service.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit St Ambrose Gardens Housing Development, Blodwell Street, Salford, at 10.15; will open the National Children's Homes, Irlam Family Centre, Fiddlers Lane, Irlam, at 11.20; and will open the second international terminal at Manchester Airport at 12.20.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will give an address to the Young Presidents' Organisation London at Grosvenor House at 11.00; and will attend the Anglo-Finnish Round Table conference at Ditchley Park at 4.30.

University news

Cambridge
Wolfson College
Elected to a Professorial Fellowship under Title A:
Professor Ian Michael Goodyer, Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

London
Royal Veterinary College
Conferment of professorial titles:
Dr Peter A Mayes to be Professor of Veterinary Biochemistry
Dr Alastair R Michell to be Professor of Applied Physiology and Comparative Medicine
Appointment
Dr Rex John Scaramuzzi to the Chair of Veterinary Physiology.

Birthdays today

Lady Elizabeth Basset, Woman of the Bedchamber to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, 85; the Right Rev Thomas Butler, Bishop of Leicester, 53; Admiral Sir Simon Cassels, 65; the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, 66; Earl Grey, 54; Mr Anthony Hedges, composer, 62; Archbishop Bruno Heim, former Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, 82; Mr R.A.E. Herbert, president, Royal Horticultural Society, 59; Mr Richard Hickox, conductor, 45.

Mrs Ann Longley, headmistress, Roedean School, 51; Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, 67; Miss Elspeth March, actress, 82; Lord Marshall of Goring, 61; Sir Derek Mitchell, civil servant, 71; Miss Elaine Paige, singer, 41; Sir Jack Rumbold, former president, Industrial Tribunals, 73; Mr Barry Tuckwell, horn soloist and conductor, 62; Mr Des Wilson, former co-chairman, Campaign for Freedom of Information, 52.

School news

The Godolphin School
The following Scholarships have been awarded for September 1993:
The Sixth Form
External: Elizabeth Eade, Marlborough College.
Internal: Sasha Bradbury, Jessica Gibbs, Katie Jenkins, Jeeta Somala, Melanie Pearce.
Under 13: Sarah Beard, Windlesham House School; Georgina Woolley, Sunninghill Preparatory School, Dorchester.
Under 12: Laura Kirkpatrick, Hartsbourne School, Bushey Heath; Anna-Maria Luton, City of London School for Girls; Sophie Morgan, Princes Mead School, Winchester; Sophie Byford, Sandle Manor School, Fordingbridge; Sophie Bradwell, Leaden Hall School, Salisbury.
Music Awards
Under 13: Helen Taylor, Chafyn Grove, Salisbury.
Under 12: Antonia Walsh, St Ives School, Haslemere; Alexandra Lawrence, Leaden Hall School, Salisbury.

Harrow School
1993 Scholarships
The following have been awarded:
Scholarships: T.M. Rutherford, Packwood Haugh; T. Tahseen, Rokeby; J.C. Preece, The Pilgrim's School; C.H. Edwards, Papplewick.
Exhibitions: N.D. Hamilton, St Martin's; S.J.M. Barclay, Durlston Court; R.D.W. Dale, Milbourne Lodge; D. Bishop, Cheam.
Music Scholarships: T. Stevenson, Caldicott; M.I. Leitch, Prebendal School; S.J.D. Hillier, Lincoln Cathedral School.
Music Exhibition: T.R. Doyle, Edge Grove.
Art Scholarship: K. Sakdicumduang, Beeston Hall.

Dinner

Bankers' Taxation Circle
Mrs Jennifer Ainsworth, President of the Institute of Taxation, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Bankers' Taxation Circle held last night at 440 The Strand. Mr T.G. Shaw presided.

MICHAEL POWELL



A word in your ear: Steven Newell checks "The King's Counsel", one of his etched figurative plates in the Glass Show at the Craft Council, Islington, north London, until Sunday. The exhibition then goes on tour for a year

Churchill fellows

The following, selected from 1,600 applicants, have been awarded Churchill Travelling Fellowships for 1993:

Mrs P Akhle, Pontcanna, Cardiff, South Glamorgan, photographer/writer, Yemen; N Ambler, Bishopston, Bristol, clinical psychologist, USA; Mrs C Angler, Ascott-u-Wychwood, Oxfordshire, writer, Europe; Ms P Armstrong, Liverpool, nurse, USA; Dr A Aubin, London W9, doctor, Australia and USA; S Beer, Lewes, East Sussex, silversmith, Japan; N Bellamy, Fulford, York, director of nursing, USA; R Birch, Keyingham, Humberside, unemployed, Japan and Korea; Miss D Birkett, Folkestone, Kent, travel writer, Europe; M Bishop, Wilmslow, Cheshire, environmental works manager, Scandinavia and Europe; Dr D Black, London NW11, consultant child psychiatrist, USA; P Boote, Uxbridge, west London, writer, South America; Ms C Bougaard, London N1, artistic director, Cuba; Mrs D A Bourke, Oyne, Grampian, veterinary surgeon, USA, Chile and Bolivia; Miss S Brocklebank, Aberdovey, Gwynedd, outward bound instructor, USA; Miss A Brooks, Isle of Lismore, Strathclyde, tree nursery developer, USA and Canada; D Brooks, Isle of Lismore, Strathclyde, tree nursery developer, Australia and New Zealand; Dr S Carrington, Bristol, Avon, lecturer, USA; T Charalambides, Maidenhead, Berkshire, student (wheelchair user), Europe; C Cockell, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, student, Indonesia; D Cooper, Christow, Devon, student, Greenland; Prof F Creed, Stockport, Cheshire, professor of community psychiatry, USA; A Creighton, East Kilbride, Strathclyde, prison social worker, Brazil; Dr V Curran, London N5, lecturer, USA and Canada; Mrs C Davies, Retford, Nottinghamshire, clinical nurse specialist, Jamaica; Ms E Dexter, London NW2, art gallery director, Central and Eastern Europe; Miss L Dudley, Didcot, Oxfordshire, chemical engineer, USA; P Eadie, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire, travel writer, South America; Mrs M Egan, Hexham, Northumberland, prison governor, Poland; C Elliott, Springfarm, Antrim, scientific civil servant, Europe and Scandinavia; Dr R Else, Edinburgh, lecturer, USA; S El-Gheithy, London W9, language teacher, Europe and Zanzibar; Dr S Evans, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, university head of department, Europe; P Fairweather, Beaulieu, Hampshire, horticulturalist, USA and Germany; Ms R Faulkner, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, student, USA; I Ford, London E1, clinical nurse manager, USA and Canada; J Ford, London W8, merchant banker, Greece and Iran; E Francis, London SE13, lecturer, USA; A Garvin, Bristol, educational computing officer, USA; Miss A Goodden, St Hilda's College, Oxford, lecturer, Russia and Italy; Miss T Grey, Cardiff, South Glamorgan, researcher (wheelchair user), Canada and USA; M Groves-Raines, St Agnes, Cornwall, technical assistant, Brazil; S Gupta, Towcester, Northamptonshire, rail engineer, Sweden; F Hallam, Penzance, Cornwall, metal artist, Japan; D Harding-Price, Barrow upon Humber, Lincolnshire, clinical nurse specialist, USA and Canada; Mrs S Harries, London W8, author, USA; E Harrison, Leeds, West Yorkshire, lecturer, Poland; Prof S Hollins, London SW19, psychiatrist, Canada and USA; Ms N Hunttridge, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, student, USA; M Jenkins, Peasedown St John, Bath, business consultant, Australia; Dr H Kirk, Perth, Tayside, forensic psychiatrist, Australia; Prof A Lant, London NW8, consultant physician, USA; G Lochhead, Galashiels, Borders, jeweller, Japan; Dr M Lyne, Gosfield, nr Halstead, Essex, lecturer, USA; Miss S McDougall, Monifieth, Dundee, occupational therapist, Canada and USA; M Meade, Tolworth, Surrey, senior executive officer, Australia; J Michalak, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, head gardener, Poland; Ms E Morrison, Leatherhead, Surrey, riding instructor, Australia and Europe; W Murray, Edinburgh, retired engineer, Holland and North America; T O'Shea, Cromer, Norfolk, student, Italy; D Paterson, Edinburgh, horticulturalist, Taiwan; Mrs V Penny, Penn, Wolverhampton, teacher, Sweden; Dr R Perkins, London SW17, psychologist, USA; C Portway, Brighton, East Sussex, travel writer, Baltic States and Eastern Europe; Dr C Potter, Reading, Berkshire, unemployed, The Netherlands and Germany; C Proudman, Neston, Cheshire, resident in equine surgery, USA and Australia; Dr I Raafat, Eastbourne, East Sussex, consultant psychiatrist, USA and Italy; Ms W Ramshaw, London N6, artist craftswoman, Worldwide; I Roberts, Gloucester, exhibition organiser, France; D Robinson, Leeds, West Yorkshire, police officer, Poland and Czechoslovakia; Miss A Sands, Coventry, Warwickshire, unemployed, Russia; P Scott, by Haddington, Lothian, lecturer, USA; Ms V Scott, London N1, parliamentary liaison officer, USA; N Shea, London E5, student barrister, Russia and Georgia; Miss S Simmons, Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan, student, Denmark, Iceland and Greenland; Mrs G Simpson, by Pathhead, Lothian, veterinary surgeon, USA; Miss S Sprout, Dumfries, occupational therapist, Australia; Miss E Stewart, Thatcham, Berkshire, student, Greece; M Thomas, Penarth, South Glamorgan, teacher, Australia; Mrs A Thwaite, Norwich, Norfolk, writer, USA and Italy; Dr P Timms, London W4, psychiatrist, USA; M Turnbull, Longniddry, Lothian, lecturer, France and USA; S Turnbull, Horsforth, Leeds, health promotion officer, Japan; R Turner, Cambridge, horticultural administrator, Poland, Hungary and Germany; Miss J Turtill, Brighton, East Sussex, jeweller, USA; T Walker, Oxford, hortipraefectus, China; D Wall, Oldham, Greater Manchester, teacher, Canada; P Warren, Warminster, Wiltshire, training development officer, USA; Ms D Watkins, Upper Wraxall, Chippenham, Wiltshire, nursery garden specialist, South Africa; D Williams, Swaythling, Southampton, Hampshire, research technician, Hungary; Dr G Wilson, Leatherhead, Surrey, management consultant, Japan and USA; Ms N Wilson, East Molesey, Surrey, industrial liaison officer, Europe; J Winn, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, writer, Morocco; Miss M Woodman, Roslin, Lothian, veterinary surgeon, Argentina and Chile; M Woolcock, Marazion, Cornwall, teacher, USA.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr I.B. Dunne and Miss E.S. Greene
The engagement is announced between Ian Beach, son of Jack and Margaret Dunne, of Shirley, Croydon, and Eleanor Suzanne, daughter of Anne and Michael Burton, of Blackheath, London, and of Bradford Greene, of New York.

Captain S.R. Hall and Miss E.J. Moss
The engagement is announced between Simon Hall, The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Hall, of Nash, Shropshire, and Emma, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Moss, of Bramcote, Nottingham.

Mr H. Jafari-Pak and Miss L.C. McGonagle
The engagement is announced between Hamid, son of Mr and Mrs Ali Jafari-Pak, of Tehran, Iran, and Lindsay, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman McGonagle, of Blundellsands, Merseyside.

Mr A. Majidian and Miss A. Maude
The engagement is announced between Andrei, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Jalil Majidian, of Sari, Iran, and Arabella, elder daughter of the Hon Henry and Mrs Maude, of Wingham Well, near Canterbury.

Mr J.R. Teague and Miss F.S. Pender
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Teague, of Surbiton, Surrey, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr Bill Pender, of Low Hesket, Carlisle, and Mrs Ann Watson, of Sutton-on-the-Forest, York.

Mr D.K. Hufton-Rees and Miss J.K. Newton
The engagement is announced between Daryn, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Rees, of Manchester, and Kate, twin daughter of Sir Michael and Lady Newton, of Charmouth, Dorset.

Mr L.N.J. Pyke and Miss D.S. Valaydon
The engagement is announced between Louis, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony J. Pyke, of Rye, Sussex, and Davina, eldest daughter of the late Mr Jeneghen Valaydon and of Mrs J. Valaydon, of London.

Marriages

Mr R.G. Frankel and Miss S.J. Moorman
A service of blessing took place on Saturday, February 27, in St Michael's Church, Milverton, Somerset, following the marriage in London between Mr Richard George Frankel and Miss Sarah Jane Moorman. Mr William Nash was best man.

A reception was held at The Old House, Milverton.

Mr R.J.H. Vestey and Miss V.E.H. Waddell
The marriage took place on Saturday, February 27, at St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, between Mr Robin John Henry Vestey, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Edmund Vestey, Little Thurlow, Suffolk, and Victoria Eileen Herbert Waddell, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Waddell, Edinburgh. The Very Rev Gilleasbuig Macmillan officiated.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: David Bruce, David II, King of Scotland reigned 1329-71, Dunfermline, 1324; Gerhardus Mercator, cartographer, Rupelmonde, Belgium, 1512; William Oughtred, mathematician and pioneer of the slide rule, Eton, 1574; Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, explorer and founder of the city of Detroit, Les Laumets, France, 1658; Giovanni Tiepolo, painter, Venice, 1696; William Shield, composer, Co Durham, 1748; Sir Austen Layard, archaeologist and excavator of Nineveh, Paris, 1817; Sir Charles Thomson, naturalist, Bonsyde, Lothian, 1830; Howard Pyle, illustrator and author of children's books, Wilmington, Delaware, 1853; Sir Henry Wilson, field marshal, Edgeworth, co Longford, 1864; Frank Norris, novelist, Chicago, 1870; William Henry Beveridge, 1st Baron Beveridge, economist, Rangpur, India, 1879.

DEATHS: Antonio Correggio, painter, Correggio, Italy, 1534; Thomas Arne, composer, London, 1778; Flora Macdonald, Jacobite, Skye, 1790; Franz Mesmer, physician and pioneer of hypnotism, Miersburg, Austria, 1815; Pierre Simon, Marquis de Laplace, astronomer, 1827; Count Alessandro Volta, physicist, Como, 1827; Sir Henry Rawlinson, orientalist, London, 1895; Edgar Lee Masters, poet and novelist, Philadelphia, 1950; Sergei Prokofiev, composer, Moscow, 1953; Joseph Stalin, Soviet leader, Moscow, 1953; Anna Akhmatova, poet, Moscow, 1966; Tito Gobbi, baritone, Rome, 1984.

Covent Garden Theatre was destroyed by fire, 1856.

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Latest wills

Sir Kenneth Anderson, of London N2, former Comptroller and Accountant-General and Deputy Director-General of the CPO, left estate valued at £477,160 net.
He left his bronze sculpture "Torso III (Galatea)" and his oil and pencil drawing "Marble Form 1964" both by Barbara Hepworth to the Contemporary Art Society, £5,000 to Wadham College, Oxford, and £1,000 each to the Oxford Society, the Friends of the Tate Gallery, National Art Collections Fund, National Trust, the Rationalist Press Association, and Hampstead Garden Suburb Fellowship, London NW11.

Donald Hamilton Burns, of Taunton, Somerset, left estate valued at £2,456,478 net.
He left £2,000 to the veterans section of Vivary Golf Club, Taunton, £25,000, some effects and 4/5ths of the residue to personal legatees, and 1/5th of the residue equally between the NSPCC, RSPCA, PDSA, British Deaf Association, Dr Barnardo's, RNIB, RNLI and the National Trust for Scotland.

Katrina Karen Ruth Deeley, of Cowley, Oxford, who died on November 24th last, left estate valued at £268,497 net.
She left her entire estate equally between the RSPCA, with the proviso they arrange for the maintenance and upkeep of any pets she may own at her death until their natural deaths, and the NSPCC.

Other estates include (net, before tax):
Mrs Mary Ureland, of Dorchester, Dorset £577,711
Mr Arthur Jacob Karlish, of Newcastle upon Tyne £563,856
Mr Raymond Kilner, of Lapworth, Warwickshire £752,271
Mr Harry Lane, of Edgware, northwest London £551,106
Lt Commander David Verney, RN retd, of Truro, Cornwall £714,605
Mr Thomas John Wallis, of Camberley, Surrey £627,548
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BIRTHS

BARHAM - On March 3rd, to Clare (née Turnbull) and Edward, a daughter, Emily Catherine.

BARTON - On 28th February at the Jubilee Maternity Hospital, Belfast, to June and Ian, a daughter, Karys Alexandra.

BRADLEY - On February 25th, to Claire and James, a son, William Joseph, a brother for Emily.

BROWN - On 2nd March at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Julia (née Seaward) and Hugh, a daughter, Rhianna Wendela Avis.

DUNCAN - On March 4th, at St George's, to Katharine (née Miller) and Angus, a son, James Stuart John.

GEORGE - On February 26th 1993, to Phillipa (née Brown) and Paul, a son, Robert Charles.

HALL - On February 17th, at the R.S.H., to Victoria (née Chave) and Martin, a beautiful son, James.

HEADLAM-MORLEY - On January 4th 1993, at Kings College Hospital, London, to Nicola (née Davies) and Crispin (Niki and Chris), a son, Daniel Peter. 10 weeks premature. Now at home and doing well.

IVES - On February 28th 1993, to Kate (née Garrish) and Nick, a beautiful daughter, Rhiannon Frances.

KAYE - On 2nd March 1993, to Jill (nee Sandeman) and Joe, a daughter, Emily Sarah, a sister for Laura.

LAWRIE - On 3rd March 1993 in Singapore, to Jan (née Scrivener) and James, a son.

MANSELL - On 3rd March, to Alex (nee Jennings) and John, a son, Nicholas John Henry, a brother for Jamie.

NICOLE - On March 3rd, to Lisa (née Ropner) and Mark, a son, George Charles Jeremy, a brother for Lucy and Edward.

OSBORNE - On February 24th, to Kate (née Owen) and Ian, a daughter, Grace Mary.

PETLEY - On March 3rd 1993 at The Portland Hospital, to Ianthe (née Crammond) and Mickey, a son, Oliver Rupert, a brother for Maximilian.

POTE-HUNT - On February 19th 1993, to Brian and Selina, a daughter, Alicia Jane, a sister for Mikey.

PRATT - On March 3rd 1993, to Julia and Nick, a daughter, Rebecca Rose, a sister for Catherine.

BIRTHS

RAND - See Pote-Hunt.

VILLAGE - On 2nd March 1993, at The Portland Hospital, to Helen (née Wallis) and Peter, a son, Thomas Charles Malcolm.

WINTON - On 2nd March at The Westminster and Chelsea Hospital, to Philippa (née Beattie) and Douglas, a son, Robert Edgar, a brother for Harriet.

DEATHS

ACTON - William Antony, on March 3rd 1993, suddenly in London, aged 88, beloved husband of Joan and father of Caroline. Funeral private, family only.

AGAZARIAN - On 3rd March 1993, very peacefully at home, Monique Agazarian (Aggy), loving and loved mumma, sister, aunt and granique. Funeral Service and cremation on Thursday 11th March at Putney Vale Crematorium at 1.30 pm. Flowers c/o J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, Kensington, London W8.

ARNELL - On Wednesday 3rd March 1993, at the University College Hospital, James Arnell. Cremation to be held at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday 8th March at 12.30 pm. No flowers by request, but donations if desired for the R.S.P.C.A or The Guide Dogs for the Blind Fund, c/o Leverton Funeral Directors, 181 Havistock Hill, NW3 4QF.

AYLWIN - On 1st March 1993, peacefully after a short illness at The Jersey General Hospital, Margaret Lillian Elizabeth (née Gibson) aged 74 years, widow of John Angus Aylwin F.R.C.S., late of Leeds, loving and beloved mother of Christopher, Martin and Stephen, dearly loved granny of Emma, Patrick, Camilla, Kathrine, Victoria, Henrietta and Imogena. The funeral service will be held at St Andrew's Church, First Tower, St Helier, Jersey, on Monday 8th March at noon, followed by private cremation. Flowers to Pitcher & Le Quesne Ltd., 59 Kensington Place, St Helier, Jersey.

BECQUET - Suddenly at 10 Landscape Grove, Mont Cochon, Jersey, Mavis Judith Becquet (née Nicolle) on Thursday 4th March 1993 in her 77th year. Dearly beloved wife of George, devoted mother to Doreen, mother-in-law of David, grandmother of Sarah-Jane, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

BEHAR - On March 3rd, peacefully at home, Maurice Edward, in his 90th year, much loved father of Richard and Edwina and grandfather of Olivia, Alexandra, Flora, Rudolf, Carolyn, Michael and Dominic. Funeral private. No flowers please.

BERTING - On February 24, 1993 peacefully in Victoria, B.C., Dorothy Osborne (née Cousins), aged 92. Widow of Charles Bryan ('Carlos'). Lovingly remembered by her son, Bryan, her daughter Valerie Jones and five grandsons, Patrick, Terry and Robin Berting and Christopher and David Jones.

BETTS - On March 3rd 1993, Kathleen Mary, aged 84 years. Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium on Thursday March 11th at 2.30 pm. No flowers. If desired donations by cheque for Cancer Research may be sent c/o A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading.

BOFFA - On February 28th, tragically in a road accident in Yorkshire, Paul Salvino Boffa M.D. aged 71 years and his wife Paula aged 68 years. Sadly missed by all their family. Requiem Mass at the Sacred Heart Church, Essendene Road, Caterham, on Thursday March 11th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations for Harestone Marie Curie or League of Friends Warlingham Park Hospital may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Limited, 67 George Street, Croydon.

CAMPBELL KERR - On March 2nd, courageously, James Douglas (Dougal), beloved husband of Marye, dearly loved by his family Isobel Piers and Perdita Smith-Cresswell. Funeral at St Jude's Church, Englefield Green, 2 pm 11th March. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign.

CLARK - (née Cousins) On March 3rd, Eileen (née Cousins), wife of the late J. Anthony Clark of Street. Peacefully at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton. Funeral Service and cremation at Taunton Deane on Tuesday 9th March at 1 pm. A memorial gathering at Angkor Wat at 3pm, all friends and relatives welcome. No flowers, donations for League of Friends, Musgrove Park Hospital, to G. Holland & Son, Funeral Directors, 62 Vestry Road, Street.

CROSSLEY - On 2nd March, suddenly, Walter Livesey aged 85 years, of Dorking. Very dearly loved husband of Mary and much loved father of Jill and Peter and of the late Susan and Jennifer. Dear grandfather of Elizabeth and John. Funeral Service at St Barnabas Church, Ranmore Common, Dorking, on Friday 12th March at 11.45 am. Flowers, or if desired donations for the benefit of local mentally handicapped to be sent c/o Sherlock & Sons, 190 South Street, Dorking, tel: (0306) 882266.

EASTHAM - Sir Michael. On 4th March at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, aged 72, after a brave fight with illness, borne with great dignity working to the end. Much loved husband of Mary (née Billings) and kind father of Jane, Penny and Sarah (deceased), beloved youngest brother of Joan, John, Mary and David. Contact P.W. Ballard & Son Ltd. for funeral arrangements on (071) 370-6271.

FIDLER - On March 3rd 1993, peacefully in hospital in Folkestone, John Carter Fidler O.B.E. aged 85 years and dearly beloved husband of Marjorie. Cremation at Barham Crematorium, near Canterbury, on Wednesday 10th March at 3 pm.

HALL - On 3rd March 1993, peacefully in hospital at Bath, David William aged 62 years, husband of Rachel. Funeral Service, Bath Abbey on Thursday 11th March at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only, donations to the M.S. Society.

HARWARD - On Wednesday March 3rd, peacefully at Castle Grove Residential Home, Bampton, Denis Cuthbert, much loved father, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather, widower of Kina and valued friend and advocate of so many. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Central, Tidcombe Lane, Tiverton or to The Royal British Legion c/o Walter H Squires, Funeral Directors, 5 St Paul Street, Tiverton, Devon, tel: (0884) 252556.

IRVINE - On March 2nd, peacefully in Exeter after a short illness, Edward David Irvine, M.D. Loving husband of the late Kathleen, beloved father of Ruth, Sheelah and the late Anne, dear grandfather, uncle and friend. Fortified by the rites of Holy Church. R.I.P. Enquiries to Mitchell Funeral Services, (0392) 72682.

KING - On March 2nd 1993 peacefully. The Revd. Pamela, formerly H.M.I., Headmistress of St Luke's Girls School, Portsmouth and of Chichester High School for Girls; more recently Parish Deacon of St Paul and St Peter the Great, Chichester. Funeral Service at St Monica Home, Cote Lane, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, on Tuesday 9th March at 2.15 pm. No flowers please, donations to Arthritis Care c/o St Monica Home. Thanksgiving Service Saturday May 15th at 11 am in St Paul's Church, Northgate, Chichester.

LERNER - Jack (Jacob). On February 25th 1993 (peacefully), at his residence. Loved husband of Pearl, father of Malcolm and Robert, brother of Abraham (Israel), and Henry (Los Angeles).

LESLIE - Col. Norman David OBE, late Queens Own Cameron Highlanders. On 2nd March 1993, husband of Kay, father of Andrew. Family funeral at St Mary's, Dalmahoy, at 2 pm Sunday 7th March 1993. No flowers.

MACKNESS - Suddenly at Stirling Royal Infirmary, on Wednesday 3rd March 1993, Ronald Arthur Mackness aged 71 years (former Deputy Director General M.L.C.I. Beloved husband of Mary, much loved father of Tony, Jenny, Ian, Andrew and Robin and a loving grandfather. Funeral Service at Falkirk Crematorium on Monday 8th March at 11 am to which all friends are respectively invited.

McMICHAEL - On 3rd March 1993 at the age of 88, peacefully after a long and tedious illness borne with courage and dignity, Emeritus Professor Sir John McMichael MD FRCP FRS - a devoted husband, father, stepfather, grandfather and great-grandfather. Private cremation in Oxford, family flowers only: donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH. A Memorial Service will be held in London later, details to be announced.

ROWLANDS - On March 3rd, at Llandough Hospital after a courageous fight against cancer. David Thomas Rowlands T.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Husband of Jacqueline, a dear father of Johnathan and Mark. Service at Thornhill Crematorium Chapel on Tuesday March 9th at 1 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to The George Thomas Centre for Hospice Care, 10 Ty-Gwyn Road, Penylan, Cardiff, CF2 5JE, or the Airborne Benevolent Fund. Enquiries to D.J. Evans Forse and Company Funeral Directors, Whitchurch Funeral Home, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF4 1DU. tel: (0222) 522633.

SLADE - On March 3rd 1993, at home, David Newcombe aged 62. Beloved husband of Zinnia, devoted father of Emma, Lucy, Toby and dear brother of John. Funeral Service at Hernhill Church, near Faversham, on Wednesday 10th March at 12 noon, followed by burial at Whitstable Cemetery at 1pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to: Lloyds Community Programme, David Slade Fund, Lloyds of London, 1 Lime Street, London EC3M 7HA.

WALTER - On March 4th, peacefully at Chipping Norton Memorial Hospital, Agnes Mary aged 84. Dearly loved by family and friends. Service and cremation at Oxford Crematorium on March 10th at 12 noon. Flowers to Sole & Son, Bidston Close, Over Norton, Oxon.

WASHBROOKE - On March 2nd after a long illness bravely borne, Michael John of Harpenden. Much loved husband of Margaret, loving dad of Ian, Jane, Richard, and Fiona and dear father-in-law of Tessa and Rob. Will be sadly missed by all his family. Funeral Service at the United Reformed Church, Harpenden, on Tuesday March 9th at 2.15pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to Marie Curie Research Wing, Mount Vernon Hospital. Donations and enquiries to L.C. Weston Funeral Directors, No.25, 17 Leyton Road, Harpenden, Herts, tel: (0582) 712865.

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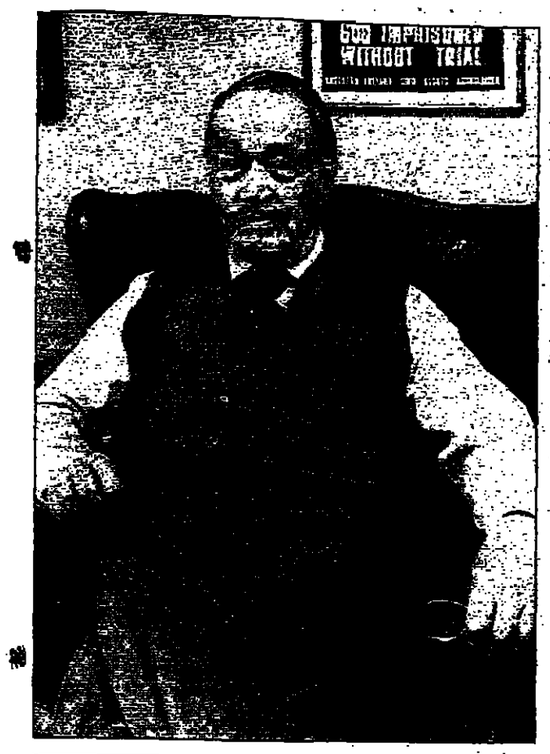
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OBITUARIES

LUIS KUTNER



Luis Kutner, American human rights lawyer who campaigned for six decades for a world-wide code of habeas corpus, died on March 1 aged 84. He was born in Chicago.

LUIS KUTNER believed above all else, as he wrote in his 1970 book *The Human Right to Individual Freedom*, that there was no higher moral or ethical obligation of mankind than to protect the individual against the strong. It was a belief that underlay his entire professional career, whether he was fighting to free an obscure black man wrongly imprisoned for rape, or representing Pope Pius XII in a bid to secure the release of the Hungarian Cardinal Jozsef Mindszenty.

Born of Russian-Jewish immigrant parents, Kutner was a prodigious scholar and entered the University of Chicago at the age of 15. There he soon established himself as a poet, author and musician, but decided on the law as a career.

His early experience included clerking for the famous defence lawyer, Clarence Darrow, while still a student at the university's law school, and before his graduation at the age of 21 Kutner had already attracted the attention of Roscoe Pound, the Harvard legal scholar.

Kutner first proposed the concept of World Habeas Corpus in 1931, after reading Hitler's *Mein Kampf* and being exposed to the speeches of Joseph Goebbels, Hermann Goering, Ernst Röhm, and Hitler himself.

Appalled by what he read and heard, he began touring the United States to sound the alarm and to campaign for what he called "a personal legal beachhead for mankind".

But, despite backing from some of the leading legal scholars of the time, the pleas from the 22-year-old Kutner fell on deaf ears.

"*Mein Kampf* spelled out the blueprint for all the world to see," he was to write later. "Arbitrary detention and murder was to be the order of the day. The love of law was to be flouted. But the conscience of the world remained sound asleep. The apathy of the world in general and of the Bar in particular was incredible."

Kutner kept on trying. In 1937 he achieved political influence with the support of the powerful Michigan Senator Arthur Vandenberg, and through him the backing of Eleanor Roosevelt. There were attempts to get the concept of World Habeas Corpus included in the Atlantic Charter, and later in the text of the Human Rights Articles in the United Nations Charter, but they came to nothing.

If he was having little success in his own country, Kutner's views were being listened to overseas. In 1949, together with Cardinal Stritch and Cardinal Spellman, he worked successfully to improve prison conditions for Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary, and later negotiated his release from house arrest at the American Embassy in Budapest.

In 1950, at a conference in London, Sir Winston Churchill declared: "World Habeas Corpus is the difference between civilisation and tyranny", and later that year Kutner saw the principle enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights. Five years later, when the right of individual petition became effective, the remedy of habeas corpus had been extended to 150 million people across Europe.

America, however, was still reluctant. In 1952, while Kutner was struggling to obtain the release of William Otis, an Associated Press correspondent imprisoned in Czechoslovakia, the then Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, described the proposal of World Habeas Corpus as "unworkable," and refused to cooperate with Kutner's efforts at the UN.

But Kutner found other allies, a UN writ was issued, and Otis was subsequently released.

Kutner is also credited with the concept of the "living will," having written his own nearly 60 years ago after witnessing the slow and painful death of a friend who had been the victim of a violent robbery.

Such wills, which allow patients to specify at what stage life-support systems should be shut off when conditions become hopeless, are now legally enforceable in many parts of the United States.

He is survived by Rose, his wife of 59 years, and one son.

DAVID GOW

David Gow, composer, died in Swindon on February 23 aged 68. He was born in London on April 6, 1924.

DAVID GOW wrote concertos for piano, violin, guitar, saxophone, basset horn and trombone, while one of his most recent compositions was a marimba concerto for Evelyn Glennie. He is remembered not merely for his own musical output, though this, somewhat neglected to date, is beginning to be more widely acknowledged. He was valued also for his generous expenditure of time to other musicians and to amateur groups, and as a teacher and lecturer. Thus, during his spell teaching in west London he wrote his *Mini Symphony* for the Hounslow Youth Orchestra, while after he made his final move to Wiltshire, among his works for local groups and choirs was his Quintet for Clarinets of 1974, written for Marlborough College.

In spite of illness, on January 6 he was at the Royal Northern College of Music for the first performance of his cello concerto given by Timothy Hugh and the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Adrian Leaper. His piano concerto, written for Philip Martin, was performed by him with the BBC Scottish Orchestra under Sir Charles Groves, by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in Swindon with Vernon Handley, and in Ireland for RTE.

Besides his orchestral output Gow also wrote many song cycles and choral works, and it is through them that he is, perhaps, best known. Stephen Wilkinson and the BBC Northern Singers broadcast *A Little Cantata to the Stars* for voices and percussion, *Star-Gazers* for baritone, chorus and organ, *The Wreck of the Deutschland* set to the words of Gerard Manley Hopkins's poem and the cantata, *Walden* for tenor, chorus and piano, written in 1984 to words from Thoreau's narrative, *Walden, or Life in the Woods*. The more recent of his nine string quartets were written for the Magini Quartet, who have played them for radio and in recitals in Britain and Spain.

David Gow was descended from the celebrated 18th-century family of Scottish musicians which began with the violinist and composer, Niel Gow (1727-1807) and had five other notable members, Donald, William, Nathaniel and Niel II. He received his musical education at the Royal College of Music under Gordon Jacob and Frank Merrick, and later studied composition privately with Alan Bush. He took a BMus at the University of Durham.

He lectured for the WEA, taught liberal arts at Isleworth Polytechnic and then moved to Wiltshire, making his home near Marlborough. He lectured in music at Swindon Technical College until his retirement and for many years he was a tutor for the Open University. Early Wigmore Hall recitals of his work, from the 1950s onwards, suggested the emergence of a high-minded composer and an assured craftsman with a definite destination in view. But the reputation was slow in gaining momentum. It was not until some years later that the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Sinfonietta became frequent performers of his works, often in Swindon where he had, by then, settled.

Though in general his orchestral works are less well known than his choral ones, his *Overture 125*, commissioned by British Rail in 1976 to celebrate the introduction of its 125mph InterCity train service, attracted wider attention for its composer. First heard as a BBC *Friday Night is Music Night* item, broadcast from Bristol, it was also played by a 60-piece orchestra on one of the new InterCity high speed trains travelling from London Paddington to Bristol Temple Meads. In 1989 Gow's Third Symphony — inspired by Thomas Hardy and subtitled *Wessex Heights* — was conducted by Norman del Mar.

Recently Gow went to Czechoslovakia and the Ukraine to lecture on his music and hear it performed in Prague, Bratislava, Brno and Kiev. But though his reputation was latterly becoming an international one, and though he had effectively lived his professional life in southern England, Gow never forgot his Scottish lineage. This was acknowledged in the *Ancestral Variations* he wrote on a theme from Niel Gow, and in the care he took to make sure that the Scottish Music Information Centre always received a copy of any score he wrote.

His last years were a continual battle against ill-health, but he remained, to the end, creatively unflaggingly, cheerful and a source of inspiration to friends and pupils alike.

He leaves his widow, Margaret.

LOTTE LASERSTEIN

Lotte Laserstein, the last great survivor from the heyday of German realist painting, died in Kalmar, Sweden, on January 24 aged 94. She was born in Prussia on November 28, 1898.

THE return of Lotte Laserstein to public attention in 1987, with an extensive London exhibition, could not help but seem odd to her. From her own point of view, she had never been away from it. Though she had travelled and changed countries, she had never stopped painting, and had never lacked patrons.

But to most people outside Sweden, her adopted land, her work, when it was exhibited internationally again, came like a trumpet blast from the past. And yet it seemed amazingly of the present: a certain kinship might immediately be recognised, in colouring, style and general approach, between her large, dashingly painted nudes and the most recent work of Lucian Freud.

Where had she been for the previous half-century? The literal answer is Sweden. Harassed by the Nazis (she was a quarter-Jewish), she had been forced to close her Berlin studio in 1935, and a major success with her first show as a commercial gallery in Stockholm in 1937 seemed providential. She stayed on, then settled when the war came, and was still living largely in Stockholm at the time of her death.

In Sweden her reputation was almost entirely as a portrait painter. She never wanted for commissions and was still making portrait drawings regularly in her nineties, as well as exhibiting at the Konstnaremes Riks, the Swedish Academy of Art, of which she was a member for more than 50 years. She also continued to paint her favourite model from the 1920s, the tennis player Traute Rose, who had been instrumental in getting her paintings out of Germany in 1938 and, with her husband Ernst, also an old friend, visited Laserstein in Sweden annually after the war.

In the wider sense of the term, portraiture made up most of Laserstein's output throughout her working life, but few of the earlier paintings were formal portraits. Rather, she loved to paint the human figure, nude or clothed, male or female, and devoted herself entirely to it. Several of her most famous paintings, such as *Artist and Model in the Studio, Berlin, Wilmersdorf* (1929) and the splendid group around a table of approximately the same date, *The Roof Garden, Potsdam*, have finely rendered landscapes in the background, but she never seems to have been tempted to bring such background to the fore.

Only models of very special qualities could work with her (or for her), as she was quite merciless in her demands. Tireless and buoyantly healthy herself, she worked long hours without flagging and expected her models to do the same, holding difficult poses if required for hours at a stretch.

Traute Rose's husband, one of the figures in the Potsdam picture, endured valiantly one of the most tiresome poses. But on the whole, Laserstein had difficulties with men sitting for their portraits, since they tended to fidget.

The foundations of Laserstein's amazing technique were laid early. Sketchbooks of great accomplishment survive from her 11th year, and she determined at that age, she maintained, to become a professional artist and never marry. When she was 18 she entered the Berlin Academy of Arts where she remained for six years, the last two as "Atelier Meisterschüler" which meant that she was regarded as the star pupil and had a right to her own studio at the academy. In 1925 she went on to win the gold medal, the academy's highest award.

She had to support herself with routine jobs in rug and toy design, china decoration (like her mother before her) and illustrating an anatomical textbook which required long periods spent in the company of bodies preserved in hydrochloroform. After leaving, she set up her own studio and rapidly achieved her mature style which was like a looser, more fluid version of the Neue Sachlichkeit, a very precise form of realism then dominant in German painting. She also taught, until the Nazis found her pupils' choice of subjects among the peasant poor suspicious, and travelled when she could afford to, making significant painting trips to Paris, Florence and Rome.

After the war she began to travel again, renting a house in Provence for several summers and making sketching trips to southern Spain and Greece with the Swedish painter Else Celsing. She never cared to return to Germany for any length of time — understandably, as her mother (who was not Jewish) had been persecuted for harbouring her sister Kate and had eventually died in Ravensbrück concentration camp.

When she last visited London in 1990, Laserstein was still inexhaustible, bright as a bird, and slightly intimidating. When asked what she thought of Lucian Freud (the comparison has frequently come up) she said briskly: "The technique is extraordinary but his nudes are . . . too nude."

As keeper of the flame of realism for some eighty years, she knew what she was talking about.



Traute in the Mirror, an oil on canvas by Lotte Laserstein featuring her favourite model, the tennis player Traute Rose

ROBERT TRIFFIN

Professor Robert Triffin, Belgian-born international economist, died in Ostend on February 23 aged 81. He was born in Flobecq in 1911.

IT WAS Robert Triffin who, in 1962, foretold the demise of the Bretton Woods agreement on fixed exchange rates. As a determined advocate of reform of world monetary structure he argued that both the dollar and pound sterling should cease to be reserve currencies. Triffin served on a Kennedy administration panel that, in 1961, studied balance of payments problems in the United States and he held senior jobs at the International Monetary Fund.

He also advised the European Community on the creation of the European Monetary System.

In 1962, he predicted the unravelling of the Bretton Woods system of fixed exchange rates by identifying what he called "dollar overhang". Triffin said that as foreign countries accumulated more and more dollars from their trade and investment surpluses with the US, they would grow nervous about holding US currency.

Ten years later, the Bretton Woods system — founded at a 1944 meeting in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire — collapsed after President Richard Nixon took the dollar off the gold standard.

Robert Triffin first gained renown as the author of books and articles on international monetary reforms. He emigrated to America in 1935 to complete his studies in economics at Harvard University.

In 1942 he became a US citizen but became a Belgian national again on his return to Europe in 1977 when he was 66. He liked to call himself a "world citizen".

Triffin studied economics at Louvain before going to the US. Following his retirement in 1977 he returned to Belgium as a guest lecturer at the Catholic University of Louvain. His books included *Europe and the Money Muddle* and *Gold and the Dollar*.

IN THE obituary of Willoughby Pownall-Gray (February 27) it was incorrectly stated that he was the son of Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Pownall. He was, in fact, his stepson — being the only child of Lady Pownall's first marriage to Captain John Gray who was killed in the first world war.

Kamal Amrohi

KAMAL AMROHI, Indian film maker, died in Bombay on February 11 aged 76.

A leading force in Bombay's and India's commercial cinema, Amrohi produced and directed what is generally regarded as India's first suspense thriller, *Mahal* (Mansion). It was the precursor of many such films before he turned to social themes.

He is best known for his hit of the 1970s, the lurid drama, *Pakeezah*. Starring his wife, Meena Kumari — known as the "eternal tragedy queen" of Indian cinema — as a courtesan, the film drew massive audiences when it was first screened in the 1970s.

When it was subsequently broadcast from Amritsar in the Punjab, by India's state-owned television station, it was received in nearby Lahore, Pakistan. There, special television screens, set up on street corners, catered for the thousands who flocked to see it from as far away as Karachi, 700 miles distant.

The film was quintessential Amrohi, who turned an ostensible concern for Indian history, particularly the Mogul period, and contemporary social problems — prostitution, child marriages, adultery, retribution — to good commercial account: *Pakeezah* still draws the crowds.

However Amrohi's fascination with India's past was eventually to bring about his commercial downfall. When *Raziya Sultan*, a lavish — and hugely expensive — medieval epic about a Muslim princess who inherits the throne from her warlord father, was screened in the 1980s it proved a box office disaster, and effectively ended his career.

Meena Kumari, from whom Amrohi was estranged, died not long after *Pakeezah's* release. He leaves two sons and a daughter.

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The most regrettable part of the accident is that it was apparently only indirectly due to the air raid. The incident occurred in a London district where there is a deep tube shelter capable of accommodating 9,000 people, and provided with bunks for 5,000.

The accident was on a small section of stairs near the entrance from the street. It is about 12ft. by 20ft. with 19 steps, and after the warning was in darkness. There was no handrail down the centre and the authorities showed their recognition of this defect yesterday by giving instructions for it to be remedied at once.

Inquiries show that the cause of the tragedy was the stumbling of a woman carrying her baby, who lost her footing and fell. Other people following were thrown off their feet, and because of the heavy barrage which broke out there was a rush of people to the shelter. Thus the crowd accumulated, people in front being forced forward by those behind, and in the darkness and confusion the mass piled up until those in it—mostly women and children—could neither go back nor get down the shelter. The people on the floor of the entrance formed a solid block. There were cries of "Open the door", in spite of the fact that no door barred the way, and there is no doubt there were struggles to get clear. The pile of people grew bigger, and by the time the local police realised what was happening they were faced with a difficult problem. The superintendent of the division and some of his men tried to restore order, but eventually had to go from another entrance to the crowd farthest advanced in the shelter.

By then, there were about 300 people packed tight in the confined space available. Some of them managed to get out by escaping through the entrance to the street over the prostrate bodies of others. Yet on the way leading to the shelter itself, down stone stairs, a long escalator, and on the platforms below there was room for thousands. Those already in the shelter had no idea of the tragedy that was happening until casualties began to be carried down, and they were asked to make room for them.

The nearest bomb fell two miles away, and as the people of the district are accustomed to heavy gunfire and bombing and during the worst period of the air raids in the Battle of Britain amazed the authorities by their exemplary behaviour, the theory that the incident was due to panic is discounted.

The dead include about 60 children, and women and children were in the majority among the victims. Many children, including babies, escaped though parted from mothers who were either killed or had to be taken to hospital. The woman who was the first to fall was recovered alive, but her baby was dead.

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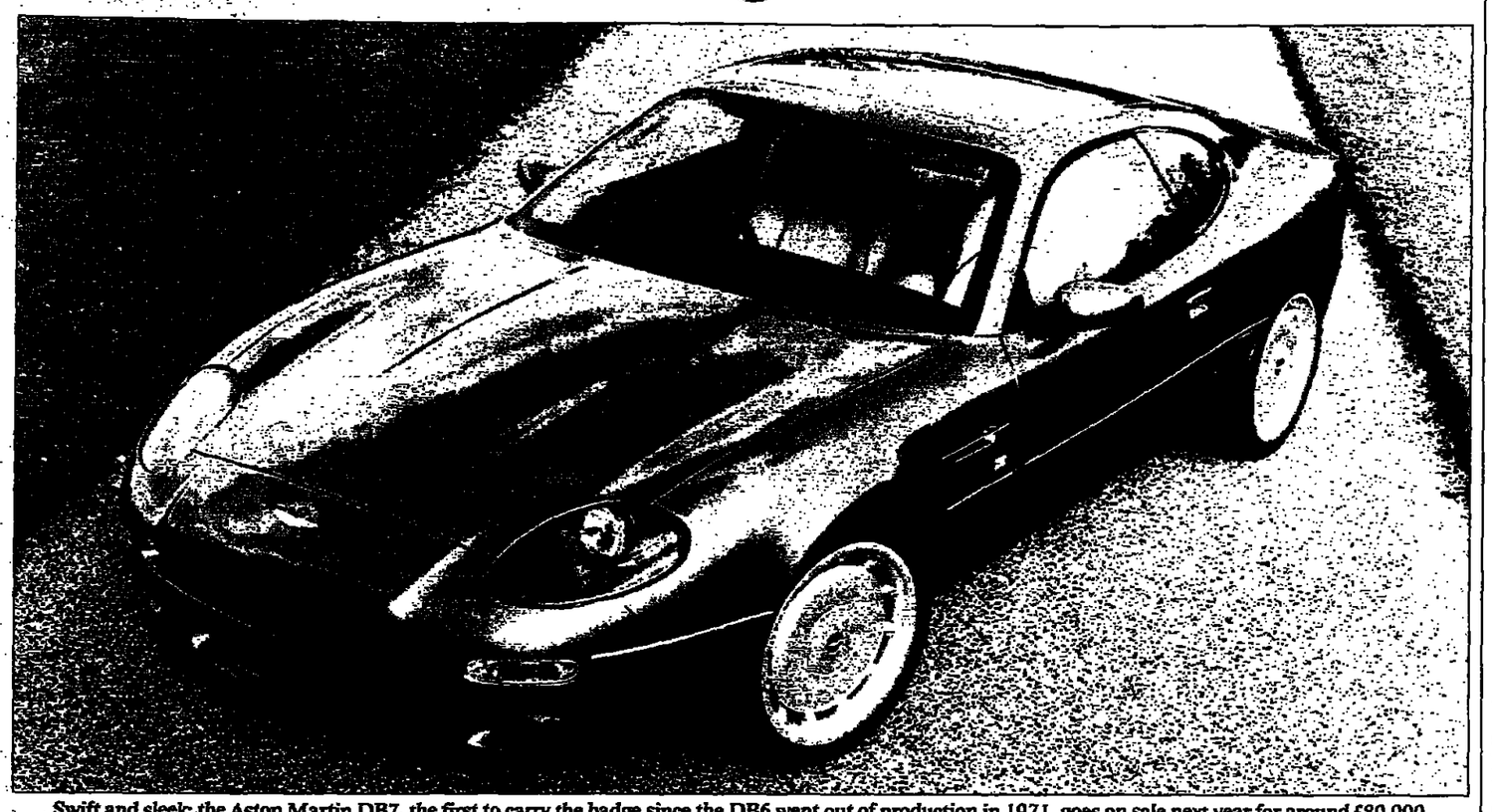
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MOTORING

This week's Geneva Motor Show has seen the launch of models which are important to the future of the British car industry

Quality bond in bargain basement

Aston Martin's first DB car for more than 20 years has stolen the show, reports **Vaughan Freeman**



Swift and sleek: the Aston Martin DB7, the first to carry the badge since the DB6 went out of production in 1971, goes on sale next year for around £80,000

Cars from Britain are central to the Geneva Motor Show, which opened this week, and none has had more impact than the glamorous offerings from Aston Martin.

After more than two years of slump, United Kingdom sales figures released this week showed an increase of more than 16 per cent for February compared with February 1992, although sales in the rest of Europe continue to be depressed — sales in Germany dropped by 15 per cent last month, in Italy sales fell by 10 per cent — and have been accompanied by a depressing number of redundancies. At Peugeot's Ryton works in Coventry, for example, 3,500 workers were laid off last week.

Because of these factors, the various British launches here have taken on added significance. On stands neighbouring Aston Martin, Vauxhall's Corsa, which is expected to be a big seller in Britain, and Peugeot's 306, were unveiled alongside Ford's Mondeo.

None the less, when the show first opened, the camera flashguns were aimed towards Aston Martin's new DB7 and the conceptual Lagonda Vignale, between them the embodiment of hand craftsmanship and British motor-racing heritage. The crowds soon gathered.

For the first time since the DB6 ceased production in 1971, the DB badge, which pays homage to Sir David Brown, the owner of Aston Martin Lagonda from 1947 to 1972, is back. The DB7 goes on sale in Britain next year for "below £80,000", and will thus become Aston Martin's "bargain basement" offering.

The DB7 is the first Aston Martin to be produced at the firm's facility at Bloxham in Oxfordshire. It is built in the classic British sportscar tradition, its front-mounted six-cylinder 3.2-litre engine drives through the rear wheels and will take the two-plus-two car to a top speed of 165 mph, some 17 mph faster than its illustrious predecessor, the DB6.

As well as such awesome performance, the car reflects traditional craftsmanship, with Wilton carpeting, hand-tooled leather and burr walnut woodcrafting. Aston Martin plans to produce 300 DB7s in 1994, and 600 a year from 1995.

Walter Hayes, the executive chairman of Aston Martin Lagonda, says the DB7 represents the firm's future, but looking even further forward, while drawing on the company's past, is the new Lagonda.

Aston Martin has not built a Lagonda for almost 40 years, but it plans to rectify this with the Vignale. The company admits the car is only a study at the moment, but it has linked up with Ghia Design, of Turin, and is determined to turn the concept car into a production model by the end of the decade.

The Lagonda Vignale is a four-door saloon which matches luxury to performance. It is likely to be powered by a specially developed V12 engine, and to feature a steering wheel that moves back and forth to allow ease of entry, nickel-finished details, leather and traditional wood trim.

Owners of earlier Lagondas may not recognise other details, such as the on-board navigational system and laptop computers built-in for rear seat passengers. "We believe there is a right and natural place for the hand-made luxury car in the future, but it has to be fuel-efficient and innovative, and capable of being a car for life," Mr Hayes says.

"Although we have no firm programme for the production of a car of this type, we believe it is appropriate to investigate and research its appeal with potential customers." Both cars affirm Aston Martin's determination not just to ensure the survival of the company, but to develop during the next decade in a world where individually crafted cars — and customers who consider it impolite to ask about the cost — represent a long-lost age of motoring.

ROADWISE IN GENEVA

Inflatable safety factors

SAFETY remains the theme for motoring this year.

Here this week, Ford announced that all its Fiesta, Escort, Orion, Mondeo and Scorpio models will offer driver-side and passenger-side airbags by January 1994. The Ford bags inflate when electronic sensors detect an impact at a speed greater than 10mph, thereby ensuring that they do not inflate during minor parking bumps and scrapes.

No accident

☐ FIGURES from the transport department show Britain's roads are among the safest in the world.

Figures for 1990, the lastest available and just released, show Britain's figure of 94 road accident deaths per million population is the lowest out of 23 countries, including America and Japan. Only Norway, Sweden and Holland did better. The UK's car user death rate, per billion vehicle kilometres travelled, at 7.1, was half the European Community average.

Edge of the seat

☐ VAUXHALL is attempting to steal Ford's thunder in the safety war between manufacturers. Ford had hoped its Mondeo would be the first mid-range car in Britain to have a driver's side airbag fitted as standard. Vauxhall has pipped Ford to the post by fitting driver side air bags as standard on all



Cavaliers, with no increase in price. The Cavaliers also have seatbelt tensioners, to hold occupants securely in the event of an accident.

Lotus in a spinner

☐ YOUR washing machine and dishwasher could soon be tuned into race-trim by Lotus.

The Norfolk-based sports car and engineering firm, having helped Chris Boardman, the cyclist, win gold at the Olympics, has now been called in to help kitchen equipment manufacturers to design machines that do not rattle noisily all over the kitchen floor. Lotus is expanding its engineering consultancy as its car side struggles.

Royle restoration

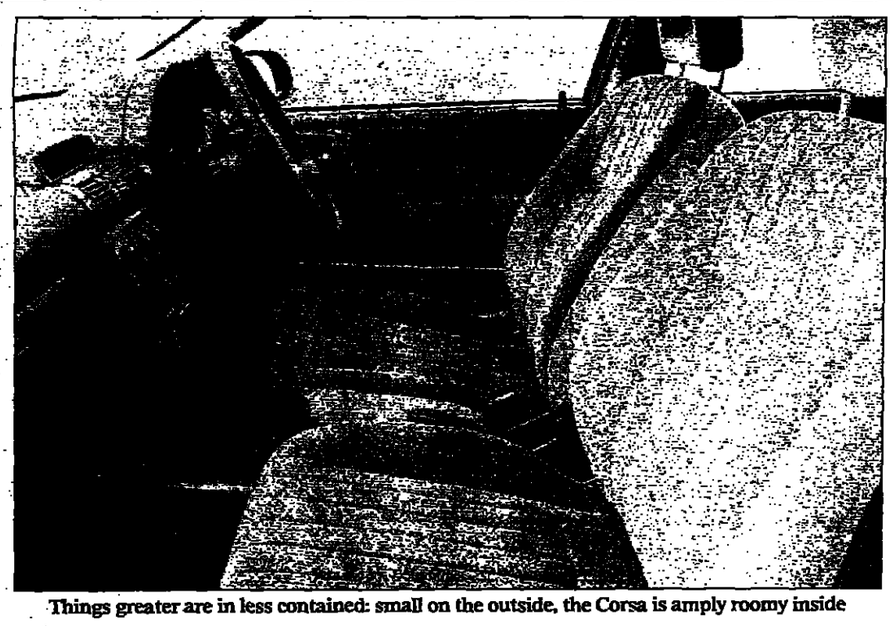
☐ A £2.1 million one-off conversion weighing 3.5 tonnes and 23ft in length is one of the more extrovert cars at this week's Geneva Motor Show. The car, finished by the classic restorers, Royle, of Co Durham, is based on a Rolls-Royce Phantom VI with the coachwork by Frua. The 6.2l V8 car features television, video, rotating drinks cabinet and fridge freezer as well as lashings of burr walnut, Wilton carpets and hide upholstery.

Little red book

☐ THE latest edition of the little red book which is essential reading for every France-bound motorist is out now. The *Michelin Red Guide* recommends 6,835 hotels and 4,427 restaurants. A total of 591 hotels receive the Michelin star for cuisine, but only 19 get the top three-star rating.

Lots of room, bags of vroom

Vauxhall's latest small car, the Corsa, has already sold 50,000 — to a school of motoring



Things greater are in less contained: small on the outside, the Corsa is amply roomy inside

When television's Dr Who travelled through time and space, it was in his Tardis, which from the outside looked like a cramped blue police constable's telephone booth yet inside housed cavernous halls and corridors. *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

Vauxhall's new Corsa, shown off here this week, seems similarly to defy the laws of physics. On the outside, the car is a compact and stylish package. But inside, the replacement for the Nova is far and away the roomiest small car I have ever driven.

As I am 6ft 4in, even big saloons sometimes seem cramped to me. In the Corsa I had a good inch and a half clearance above my head in the front. With the driver's seat pushed fully back, I could almost straighten my legs. In the back of the car, even a six-footer has ample headroom. The car was designed to carry five 6ft people, together with 75kg of luggage, and it seems to be up to the task.

All this roominess is achieved in a car which at just over 12ft is only 3in longer than the Nova. This has been achieved simply by pushing out the wheels to the four corners, so maximising interior space. Also, the windscreen has been moved forward seven inches.

The car goes on sale in Britain on April 2, and will give the manufacturers of its main rivals, the Fiesta from Ford, the Nissan from Micra, 106 from Peugeot and Clio from Renault, much to think about.

Externally, the car is rounded and curvy, with what Vauxhall calls its "fun and functional" shape. Inside, the seats offer excellent support.

All of the main dials are uncluttered and clear, and a binnacle mounted on top of the dashboard houses the clock, radio details and outside-temperature gauge. The controls for radio and ventilation are chunky and oversized, eliminating the blind scrabble most of us are used to when trying to find Radio 4 and demist while on the move.

Typically for Vauxhall, considerable emphasis has been placed on safety. Twin side-impact bars are standard across the range, as are "body lock" front seat-belt tensioners.

Air-bags and anti-lock braking is either standard or an option on all models. The 1.2l engine is Vauxhall's economy unit and returns a claimed 64mpg at 56mph, some 10mpg more than the Nova.

Other options available are 1.4l and 1.6l petrol engines and a 1.5l diesel. With the five-speed manual gearbox, the "learner's special" is mild-mannered, comfortable and relaxing to drive. It cruises comfortably at 70 mph and above. Handling is good, although when parking, I found the steering, which is not power-assisted, was too heavy.

The top of the range 16-valve 1.6l GSi features every conceivable creature comfort and has the roominess you would expect in a bigger car costing twice as much.

With the GSi, the 1598cc engine produces 109bhp, which takes the car to 121mph and does 0-60 mph in nine seconds. The GSi is the "fun" element of the Corsa package, and it certainly delivers. On rough roads though, the sports suspension of the GSi gives a harsh ride, and the power steering is too light.

For Vauxhall the 1.2l and 1.4l engined versions are the key. The small-car sector, now epitomised by Corsa and the Micra, is where manufacturers are advancing most rapidly in design, with innovations of interior space, safety and economy.

Vauxhall's chairman, Bill Ebbert, says: "The new Corsa may be a compact car, but it offers the kind of technological profile that until now has been found only on larger cars.

"We believe it may prove to be a trend-setter for a new class of car, the grown-up small car. Before you have even sat in the seats there is a great feeling of space."

This small-car market is where first-time buyers or families looking for a second car do their car-shopping, and here Vauxhall have moved swiftly.

The company is to sell 50,000 Corsas, most of them 1.2l manuals, to the British School of Motoring over the next ten years in a deal worth £400 million at showroom prices.

Of the 85,000 people who pass their test every year with BSM, 43 per cent buy a car within three months of passing. Since 50 per cent of Vauxhall owners buy another Vauxhall, using Corsa to put motorists on the first rung of the ladder of Vauxhall ownership is clearly a crucial element in the Corsa equation.

The drawback with the Corsa, at least as far as the Chancellor of the Exchequer is concerned, is that it is built in Germany and Spain, rather than in Britain, and Vauxhall hopes to sell 50,000 a year. In total, the Nova sold 500,000 in the United Kingdom.

The Corsa is launched on April 2 in three-door form, with a five-door version to follow. Prices have yet to be announced, but are likely to be only 2 per cent above the Nova's price range of £6,000 to £11,500.

Vauxhall Corsa 1.2l

Engine: 1195cc four-cylinder petrol engine, driving through front wheels and five-speed manual gearbox, giving 45 bhp at 5,000 rpm.

Performance: top speed 90 mph; 0-60 in 18sec.

Economy: 39 mpg in town, 64 mpg at 56 mph and 45 mpg at 75 mph.

Price: to be announced.

Peugeot's little pretender lacks the 205's panache

The Peugeot 306 has a lot to live up to, but the new standard model may be too safe to win converts from the 205

The international nature of motor manufacture means that while the Peugeot sounds French, its new 306 will be manufactured in, among other places, Britain.

The 306, also launched at this week's Geneva show, is designed to help to replace the long-running 205. The 205, introduced ten years ago, has already sold 4.75 million and so loath is Peugeot to part with it, that despite the introduction of the 306, the 205 will still be built at the rate of 700 a day for the foreseeable future.

The 205 is one of a select band of cars which despite being churned out by the millions, still manages to exude charm and individuality. Little surprise, then, that the 306 has more than a passing resemblance to its predecessor.

The 306 has cost £500 million to develop. Peugeot's Ryton factory is already building 100 a day in readiness for the April début of the 306 in the UK. Production of the 306 in Britain will rise to 350 cars daily. It will be built in France and Spain, and total daily production could rise to 2,500.

The 306 is the big brother of the recently-launched Peugeot 106 mini-sized car, and this duo is aimed at eventually replacing the pairing of the 205 and 309 entirely. The 306 will compete with the Vauxhall Astra and VW Golf among others.

The 306 goes on sale initially in five-door hatchback form, although a three-door hatch is to come. The car is just over 13 ft long, and power-steering, either as an optional extra or as standard on more expensive versions, makes the car easy to drive in town and to park in tight spaces.

There will be four levels of trim, specification, and prices, which will be announced when the cars go on sale. The range starts with the 1.4l (75 bhp) XN, and, at the top of the range, is the XT with a 1.6l or 1.8l (103 bhp) engine. A 2l 16-valve version was also unveiled at Geneva, and diesel versions will follow.

The basic XN has as standard an adjustable steering wheel, anti-intrusion sidebars in the doors, and remote-release fuel flap. Optional extras include anti-lock braking, power-steering and a 40/60 split folding rear seat.

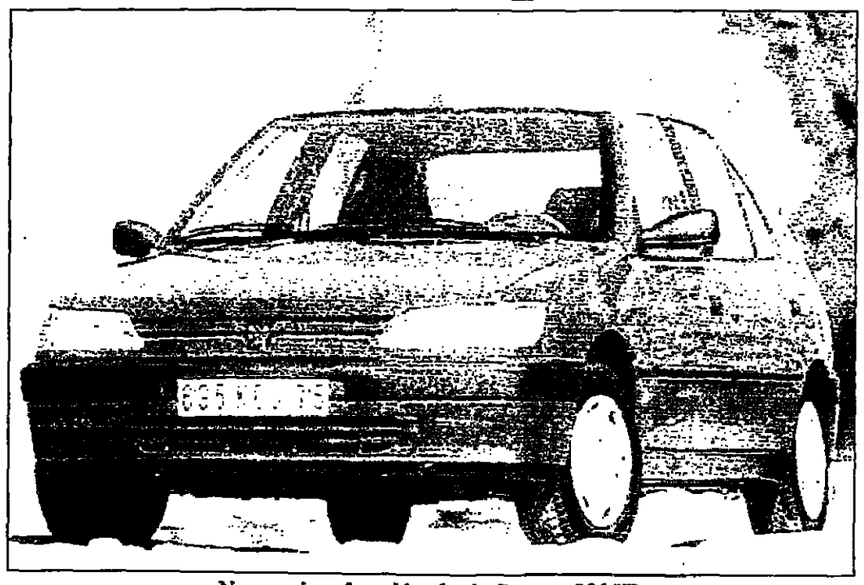
Standard equipment on the range-topping XT is good, with electric front windows, central door locking and power-steering. Options include air-conditioning and anti-lock brakes. The 306 is roomy inside at the front, even for a 6ft 4in driver and a 6ft passenger, but leaves little legroom for rear-seat passengers.

The seats lack support and there were a few niggles on the model tested, such as a rattling interior light. The unimaginative interior trim colours and drab plastic shows that some details could be improved.

The 1.4l engine has to be worked fairly hard to move the car along, for the 306 is not a light vehicle. The 1.8l XT I drove was loaded with all the optional equipment including anti-lock brakes, making it a cossetting car to drive.

Performance is good and lively, but like its smaller-engined cousins, the front-wheel-drive XT is at its best on corners and bends, with excellent handling. The 306 is an attractive, competent vehicle, but it lacks the must-have element. Sportier derivations may establish it as a true 205 successor, but pricing and reliability will determine its success where it counts, in the sales charts.

VAUGHAN FREEMAN



New version of an old style: the Peugeot 306 XR

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NEWS

Major reforms honours system

■ John Major yesterday announced sweeping reforms of the honours system in a step towards his classless society. Launching a system based on merit rather than class, the prime minister said that members of the public could recommend "deserving cases" for honours by filling in forms supplied by Downing Street.

He heralded the end of automatic knighthoods for top mandarins and the abolition of traditional class distinctions for many awards, including military medals **Pages 1, 16, 17**

Barclays Bank in the red

■ Barclays Bank has plunged into the red to the tune of £242 million, the first loss in its 97-year history, brought on by £2.55 billion provisions against bad debts after a series of company collapses. Barclays was the only one of the four big clearing banks to report losses.....**Pages 1, 5, 17, 23, 27, 28**

Bomb arrest

The White House says a man has been arrested in connection with last Friday's bombing of the World Trade Centre. The man was an American connected with a Muslim fundamentalist organisation ..... **Page 1**

Formula scrapped

The home secretary is to end the formula that gives police an annual pay rise linked to inflation. He has decided that the arrangement, introduced in 1979 when conditions in the police service and recruitment needed to be improved, is out-of-date . **Page 2**

Bland protest

Jim Howe, the physician who cared for Tony Bland for four years until his death on Wednesday night, said he had absolutely no second thoughts about his actions and appealed to pro-life campaigners to let the matter be..... **Page 3**

Bishops close to deal

Roman Catholic bishops are close to agreeing a formula to allow Anglican clergy opposed to the ordination of women to join the Catholic church but retain their priesthood and elements of Anglican identity ..... **Page 7**

Manufacturing push

John Major and the Conservatives remain fond of the language of the free market, but the longest recession since the 1930s may be pushing the government into a more active policy to boost manufacturing ..... **Page 8**

Flood fears

People living along England's east coast were yesterday preparing flood defences against a North Sea tidal surge. Some are considering moving if strong winds twist in from the north to pile up water against newly repaired sea defences..... **Page 9**

Disturbing picture

As the armed siege of the Branch Davidian cult in Waco entered its fifth day, a more disturbing picture of its bizarre religious world has begun to emerge, prompting fears that the group may be contemplating mass suicide today ..... **Page 11**

Safe passage

Bosnian Serb commanders have agreed in principle to allow temporary safe passage for tens of thousands of Muslims trapped in the beseiged enclaves of Cerska, Zepa and Srberenica, UN peacekeepers said. Relief workers in the Bosnian controlled city of Tuzla are bracing themselves for a massive influx of refugees after the apparent fall of Cerska..... **Page 12**

Similar predicaments

The struggle between Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin in 1990 and 1991 was characterised by chasms of aim, method and character, and mutual loathing. The persistence of Mr Yeltsin paid off in the aftermath of the failed coup, but his predicament today has a strange closeness to that of his predecessor ..... **Page 13**

Key to successful evolution

■ Adolescence, often seen as a time of acne, emotional anxiety and sometimes delinquent behaviour, has been a key ingredient in humanity's evolutionary success. Professor Barry Bogin says adolescence allows humans to acquire their social roles as progenitors and parents uniquely well, offering girls time to learn and boys time to make mistakes....**Page 9**



Left ajar: a Thai soldier stands guard among thousands of jars left behind by Cambodian refugees being repatriated by the UN. The jars, used by about 130,000 refugees to hold water in the camps, are on sale to local villagers at a dollar apiece

BUSINESS

Bank loss: Barclays Bank incurred pre-tax losses of £242 million in 1993 after provisions of £2.55 billion against bad debts, and is halving the final dividend..... **Page 23**

Brighter outlook: Berkeley Group, the housebuilder, and Hambro Countrywide, the estate agency, says the housing market showed signs of recovery for the past three months..... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index of leading shares closed down 13.8 at 2,904.8 as dealers took profits after a strong run earlier this week. The pound gained .37 cents against the dollar, closing at $1.4537, but fell .85 pfennigs against the German mark to DM2.3756..... **Page 26**

SPORT

Cricket: Navjot Sidhu hit an unbeaten 134 to give India a three-wicket victory in the fifth one-day international against England in Gwalior. He helped the home side to pass England's 256 — Robin Smith scored 129 — with 12 balls remaining..... **Page 44**

Athletics: The doping commission of the International Amateur Athletic Federation meets in Paris today to consider an alleged positive drugs test on the Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, who is maintaining his silence over the affair.. **Page 44**

Football: "I have never been to Wembley, never even been to a semi-final," Sheffield United manager Dave Bassett says as his side prepares for tomorrow's FA Cup tie against Blackburn Rovers **Page 40**

MODERN TIMES

Glorious history: "The blithe news from Hampstead this week that a small branch library there has been reprieved for one year by the efforts of artistic, thoughtful Camden dwellers (among them Margaret Drabble, Melvyn Bragg, Alan Bennett, Fay Weldon, John Tusa, Beryl Bainbridge) is parochial but symbolic." Valerie Grove on the Roman forum of our times, the library. ..... **Page 15**

Gender bias: By 1986 the first 46 franchised gender clinics in Asia, Africa, North and Latin America had helped 263 couples to have a boy. And 15 to have a girl. Libby Purves on the implications of a British clinic for the Asian community here..... **Page 14**

ART

The white stuff: The Tate Gallery is showing the minimalist paintings of the American abstract artist Robert Ryman. You can't miss them, nearly all are in various shades of white ..... **Page 37**

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The justification for honours is that they can provide a criterion of public achievement and merit that is quite distinct from, and not dictated by, power or wealth. Much of the really valuable work is done by people who do not hold important offices. It is right that such people should be honoured. Unfortunately our honours system has given too much recognition to those who are already prominent..... **Page 16**

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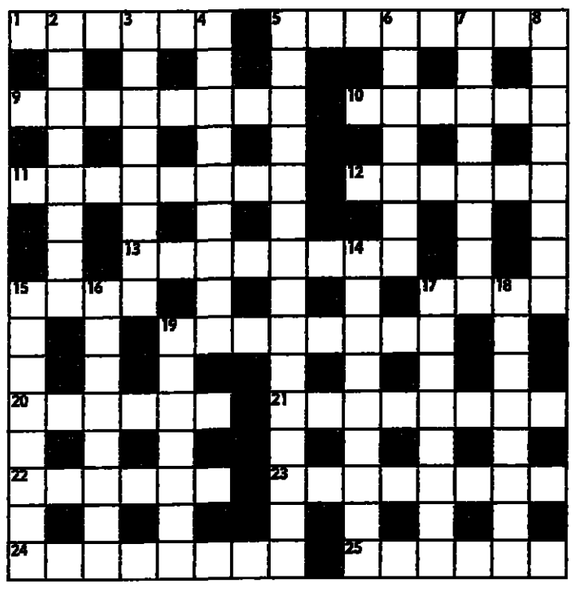
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The Washington Times

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ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun, sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	12	54	c	Madrid	11	52	s
Alicante	17	63	f	Majorca	14	57	f
Alex'dria	18	64	f	Malaga	14	57	s
Algiers	17	63	s	Malta	14	57	c
Amst'dm	2	36	c	Melb'rne	17	63	c
Athens	16	59	f	Miami*	25	77	r
Bahrain	22	72	f	Milan	5	41	r
Bangkok	33	91	f	Montreal*	3	37	s
Barcelna	11	52	c	Moscow	-9	16	s
Beirut	17	63	s	Munich	-5	23	sn
Belgrade	-1	30	sn	Nairobi	25	77	f
Berlin	-1	30	f	Naples	12	54	f
Bermuda*	21	70	f	N Delhi	23	73	s
Biarritz	7	45	c	N York*	7	45	f
Borde'x	7	45	s	Nice	13	55	s
Brussels	1	34	f	Oslo	2	36	s
Budapst	-2	28	sn	Paris	2	36	s
B Aires*	25	77	f	Peking	10	50	s
Cairo	26	79	s	Perth	28	82	s
Cape Tn	26	79	s	Prague	-5	23	sn
Chicago*	6	43	f	Reykjavik	5	41	r
Ch'church	21	70	s	Rhodes	15	59	f
Cologne	1	34	f	Rio de J	28	82	f
C'phagn	1	34	f	Riyadh	32	90	s
Corfu	12	54	f	Rome	11	52	f
Dublin	7	45	f	Salzburg	-4	25	sn
Dubrovnik	10	50	c	S F'risco*	14	57	c
Faro	15	59	s	Santiago*	28	82	s
Florence	7	45	r	S Paulo*	29	84	c
Frankfurt	0	32	f	Seoul	9	48	s
Funchal	17	63	s	St'kholm	0	32	c
Geneva	2	36	s	Strasb'rg	-1	30	c
Gibraltar	14	57	c	Sydney	20	68	c
Helsinki	-3	27	sn	Tangier	18	64	s
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Innsbruck	-2	28	c	Tenerife	20	68	f
Istanbul	8	46	f	Tokyo	12	54	c
Jeddah	31	88	s	Toronto*	3	37	c
Jo'burg*	23	73	f	Tunis	16	61	f
Karachi*	30	86	s	Valencia	16	61	s
L Palmas	20	68	f	Vanc'ver*	7	45	c
Le Touet	4	39	f	Venice	8	46	f
Lisbon	9	48	r	Vienna	-3	27	f
Locarno	11	52	s	Warsaw	-5	23	f
London	3	37	c	Wash'ton*	12	54	f
L Angele*	14	57	c	Wel'ton	17	63	r
Luxembg	-1	30	s	Zurich	-1	30	c
Luxor	33	91	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 5C (41F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Humidity: 6pm, 57 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar: mean sea level, 6pm, 1,030.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: St Angelo, co Fermanagh, 8C (46F); lowest day max: Cellarhead, Staffordshire, 2C (36F); highest rainfall: Wick, Shetland, 0.39in; highest sunshine: Stornoway, Western Isles, 8.4hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 5C (41F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.0hr.

GLASGOW

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YESTERDAY

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	X	0.07		x	xhail
Anglesey	0.6	0.03	6	43	snow
Aviemore	1.4	0.03	3	37	snow
Belfast	7.2	-	7	45	sunny
Birmingham	-	-	3	37	dull
Bognor Regis	0.7	-	5	41	cloudy
Bournemouth	3.6	-	7	45	sunny
Bristol	0.1	-	5	41	cloudy
Buxton	-	-	1	34	cloudy
Cardiff	0.9	-	6	43	cloudy
Clacton	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Cromer	-	-	3	37	dull
Douglas	X	0.04	5	41	sleet
Edinburgh	-	0.20	3	37	hail
Eskdalemuir	-	0.08	2	36	snow
Exmouth	1.7	-	6	43	cloudy
Falmouth	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Follestone	-	-	3	37	cloudy
Glasgow	2.1	-	5	41	cloudy
Guernsey	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Hastings	-	-	3	37	cloudy
Jersey	0.2	-	7	45	cloudy
Leeds	-	0.01	3	37	cloudy
Lerwick	6.3	0.01	5	41	sunny
Littlehampton	0.9	-	5	41	cloudy
Liverpool	1.9	-	5	41	cloudy
London	0.2	-	5	41	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	-	3	37	cloudy
Manchester	0.4	-	5	41	cloudy
Margate	X	-	3	37	dull
Minehead	0.2	-	6	43	cloudy
Morecambe	1.0	-	5	41	cloudy
Newcastle	-	0.02	3	37	sleet
Newquay	-	-	6	43	dull
Nottingham	-	-	3	37	snow
Penzance	-	-	6	43	dull
Plymouth	1.9	-	7	45	bright
Poole	2.8	-	6	43	bright
Prestwick	4.8	-	5	41	bright
Sandown	1.0	-	5	41	cloudy
Scarborough	-	-	3	37	dull
Scilly Isles	-	-	6	43	dull
Shanklin	1.3	-	5	41	bright
Southend	-	-	4	39	dull
Southsea	1.4	-	6	43	cloudy
Stornoway	8.4	-	6	43	sunny
Swanage	3.0	-	6	43	bright
Teignmouth	0.3	-	6	43	cloudy
Tiree	3.7	-	6	43	sunny
Torquay	0.2	-	6	43	cloudy
Weymouth	3.2	-	5	43	sunny
Wick	2.7	0.39	3	37	sunny
Worthing	0.5	-	5	41	cloudy

X denotes not available

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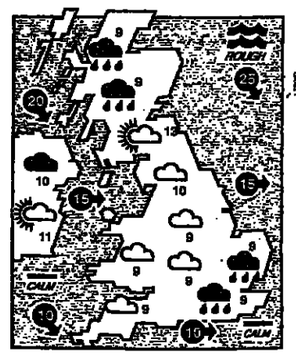
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Austria Sch	17.90	16.40
Belgium Fr	52.15	47.75
Canada $	1.92	1.76
Denmark Kr	9.77	8.97
Finland Mkk	9.25	8.45
France Fr	8.56	7.86
Germany Dm	2.52	2.32
Greece Dr	344.00	319.00
Hong Kong $	11.89	10.89
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Italy Lira	2380.00	2215.00
Japan Yen	187.00	168.00
Netherlands Gld	2.84	2.61
Norway Kr	10.69	9.89
Portugal Esc	230.50	212.50
South Africa Rd	5.30	4.80
Spain Pta	176.50	163.50
Sweden Kr	11.69	10.89
Switzerland Fr	2.33	2.15
Turkey Lira	14200.0	13200.0
USA $	1.542	1.417

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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 5.48 pm to 6.37 am
Bristol 5.58 pm to 6.47 am
Edinburgh 5.56 pm to 6.54 am
Manchester 5.54 pm to 6.46 am
Penzance 6.11 pm to 6.58 am

Sun rises: 6.37 am
Sun sets: 5.48 pm
Moon sets 4.41 am
Moon rises 2.14 pm
Full moon: March 8

YESTERDAY

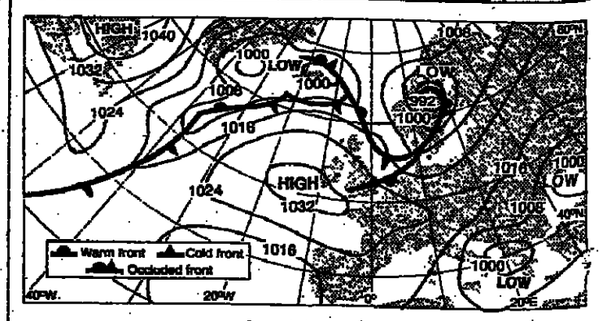
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Belfast	4	39	f	Guernsey	5	41	c
B'mngham	4	39	c	Inverness	3	37	r
Blackpool	4	39	c	Jersey	6	43	f
Bristol	4	39	c	London	3	37	c
Cardiff	5	41	f	M'nchester	4	39	c
Edinburgh	2	36	s	Newcastle	5	41	s
Glasgow	4	39	f	R'nldsway	5	41	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.55	6.1	11.22	6.2	Liverpool	6.26	8.1	9.00	8.4
Aberdeen	10.35	3.7	11.18	3.8	Lowestoft	5.39	2.1	6.48	2.1
Avonmouth	3.59	11.0	4.42	11.4	Margate	9.12	4.1	9.38	4.3
Belfast	8.06	3.1	8.50	3.0	Milford Haven	3.17	5.7	3.55	5.8
Cardiff	3.44	10.3	4.27	10.7	Newquay	2.14	5.8	2.50	6.0
Devonport	2.37	4.8	3.30	4.6	Oban	3.22	3.3	4.07	3.4
Dover	8.12	5.8	8.50	5.8	Penzance	1.46	4.6	2.35	4.6
Falmouth	2.07	4.4	3.00	4.4	Portland	3.25	1.6	4.30	1.5
Glasgow	9.59	4.2	10.55	4.2	Portsmouth	8.19	4.1	9.09	4.3
Harwich	8.50	3.3	9.21	3.3	Shoreham	8.21	5.3	8.59	5.7
Holyhead	7.42	4.8	8.13	5.0	Southampton	8.09	4.0	8.51	4.1
Hull	3.28	6.2	3.50	6.3	Swansea	3.24	8.0	3.57	8.3
Ilfracombe	3.01	7.5	3.42	7.8	Tees	12.42	4.5	1.06	4.6
King's Lynn	3.37	5.2	3.58	5.5	Wilton-on-Nze	8.50	3.6	9.19	3.8
Leith	11.46	4.8							

NOON TODAY



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The EC will attempt to recoup up to £70 million from British Aerospace for the Rover sweeteners affair
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Philips Electronics will embark on another reorganisation, axing up to 15,000 jobs in a bid to return to profit
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Lautro has imposed a record £130,000 fine on Colonial Mutual for failing to put its house in order
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THE POUND

US $	1.4537 (+0.0037)
German mark	2.3758 (-0.0085)
Exchange index	77.3 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2904.8 (-13.8)
Dow Jones	3393.51 (-10.53)*
Nikkei Avge	16759.61 (-94.31)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	6⅛-6⅛
US Federal Funds	3%*
3-month Trees Bills	2.89-2.88%*
Long Bond	6.71%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4543*	£:$	1.4540
$:DM	1.6355*	£:DM	2.3758
$:SWfr	1.5175*	£:SWfr	2.2065
$:Flr	5.5688*	£:Flr	8.1100
$:Yen	116.77*	£:Yen	169.65
£:SDR	1.0521	£:ECU	1.2247

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):	
AM 328.50	PM 328.05
Close	328.05-328.55
New York:	
Comex	328.85-329.35*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 137.9 January (1.7%)

* Denotes midday trading price

Barclays dives to £242m loss and cuts dividend

■ The factors that put Barclays into the red for the first time — the property slump and other bad debts — will hit profits again this year, shareholders are warned

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

THE full effect of Barclays Bank's disastrous decision to go for growth in the mid-1980s was brought home to shareholders yesterday as the bank reported £242 million pre-tax losses and a cut in dividend from 21.15p to 15.15p.

Despite the poor figures, which compare with a £533 million pre-tax profit in 1991, Andrew Buxton, chairman and chief executive, declined to tell ordinary shareholders whether those responsible have suffered. Asked whether he was going to step down, he replied: "No".

Barclays' shares slumped 41p to 392p and analysts took out red pens to cut forecasts for the current year. Rod Barrett, banking analyst at Goldman Sachs, has cut his 1993 forecast from £600 million to £470 million profit before tax after £2.1 billion bad debt provisions. He expects the dividend to stay at 15.15p for the next two years.

Last year's bad debt provisions, up from £1.95 billion to £2.55 billion, topped City forecasts and were far worse than the other three leading high street clearing banks, comparing with National Westminster's £1.9 billion.

Barclay's huge exposure to the property market was at the heart of its bad debt problems. Of the £2.55 billion provisions figure, £600 million related to 27 large loans, including the collapsed property group Imry where Barclays made a £240 million provision.

The decision to cut the dividend, though unpopular among some investors, was welcomed by one institutional investor who described Mr Buxton and the Barclays board as "quite courageous". He said: "As a shareholder, I am happier that he cuts it now rather than maintain an uncovered dividend and then ask for £1 billion in the future which would have already been frittered away." Barclays could "no longer depend on raising fresh capital from outside".

However, another leading institutional investor said he was concerned about the "projection of confidence" from the bank and feared there would be more bad news to come.

Last year was the second successive year that the bank has had to pay dividends out of reserves. Mr Buxton said it was difficult to forecast the outcome for 1993, but said: "We expect over the longer term to maintain our policy of providing real increases to our shareholders." The cut saved Barclays £100 million and helped limit the fall in its tier 1 capital ratio, which fell from 5.9 per cent to 5.5 per cent. If the dividend had been maintained, it would have fallen to 5.4 per cent.

Mr Buxton said the bank's view of the likely level of provisioning this year was uncertain. He said any growth in the annual dividend from this level would reflect future profits.

The loss came after the bad debt write-offs, an £82 million charge against business disposals, a £60 million write-down in the value of surplus properties and £102 million of costs relating to staff reductions and relocation.

The banking division made a loss of £251 million (£252 million profit in 1991). BZW, the securities division, shed a ray of light with a 13 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £241 million. The services business division recorded a small profit of £3 million (£6 million loss).

Looking ahead, Mr Buxton had few words of comfort. He said the factors affecting results over the past two years were continuing. Property and construction sectors continued to suffer from the recession.

Mr Buxton said Barclays has three main tasks: to reduce operating costs and the cost-income ratio; to improve risk management and to improve the quality of service to customers. The bank cut 6,400 jobs and 189 branches last year and has said another 9,000 jobs will go over the next three years and 350 branches will close over the next two. Mr Buxton said there are no plans at present to introduce "across the board" charges for personal account customers in credit.

He said that his chairman's salary this year would be at least 10 per cent lower than that of Sir John Quinton, his predecessor, which he said was "appropriate" given the bank's performance and the pay restrictions being imposed on staff.

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MARTIN BEDDALL



In the spotlight: Andrew Buxton, Barclays' chairman and chief executive, after announcing £242 million losses yesterday

Man who shares blame for losses

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

BARCLAYS Bank's catastrophic attempts during the 1980s to be the biggest and best bank by 1991 culminated yesterday in the first losses and first cut in dividend payments in its 97-year history.

Although the ambition was that of Sir John Quinton, the former chairman, Andrew Buxton, the 53-year old current chairman and chief executive, and a member of one of the old founding families of Barclays, is just as closely associated with the disastrous lending decisions.

In the words of a director of one worried institutional investor: "Andrew Buxton cannot be totally blameless for what has happened over the last few years."

The director is among those putting pressure on Barclays to split the role of chairman and chief executive, which Mr Buxton has held since January.

Barclays ambition to be "number 1 by 1991" led the bank into a series of large loans to property developers and construction companies.

The bank had cut back on lending in the early 1980s and lost its lead as Britain's most profitable bank to National Westminster.

Under Sir John, the bank reversed its policy. The decision was described in a massive understatement by one City observer yesterday as "flawed".

As Mr Buxton yesterday reported a £242 million pre-tax loss, a 28 per cent slump in the dividend to 15.15p and bad debt write-offs of £2.55 billion, his refusal to say when he will split the top job came in for increasing criticism.

Mr Buxton's reaction to questions on his role and the roles of other senior managers at Barclays was dismissive. He said that there would be no board changes resulting from the figures, though he repeated promises made at

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Rate cuts help housing market to recover



Pidgley: optimistic

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

THE housing market has been recovering for the past three months, thanks to steep interest rate cuts after the pound's exit from the European exchange-rate mechanism, a housebuilder and an estate agent said yesterday.

Berkeley Group, the Home Counties housebuilder, is asking shareholders for £44 million to fund "buying opportunities" created by the recession.

Hambro Countrywide, the estate agency and financial services group, said: "The signs are that following an unexpectedly active December, business is picking up." But Christopher Sporborg, Hambro Countrywide's chairman, added that although recent interest rate cuts had brought a welcome boost to confidence, "the recovery is fragile, and many challenges and uncertainties remain".

Harry Hill, joint managing director at Hambro Countrywide, added: "January was a good month, the best January for five years, February was a great month, the best month we have had since June 1988. March will be better, thereafter we are in the lap of the gods." Hambro Countrywide shares rose 3p to 49p.

Shares in Berkeley, 3.19 per cent owned by the Quantum NV Fund of George Soros, rose 10p to 370p, despite the call on shareholders to put up 295p a share for every four shares held. Berkeley forecasts that for the year to the end of next month, it will make £15 million profit before tax (£12.6 million). It is promising an increase in earnings from 13.1p to at least 15.7p after adjusting for the impact of the rights issue.

The final dividend will be paid on the new shares and the total for the year is forecast to rise fom 5p to 6p.

Tony Pidgley, managing director, and the board said that, since December, "the housing market has shown some signs of recovery. Sales reservations have increased since the beginning of 1993 and, although these still need to be converted into sales, they give the board grounds for some optimism for the future."

After the cash call, the group should end the year with net cash. Currently, it has net debts of £10 million on shareholders funds of £130 million to £140 million.

Hambro Countrywide, meanwhile, reported a pre-tax loss of £3.1 million for 1992 (£6.5 million loss). The 1992 loss per share was 0.99p (1.95p loss). A nominal 0.05p dividend was paid at the 1992 interim stage. Hambro added that, apart from this, no dividend would be recommended until "a sustained improvement can be foreseen".

Problems of the half-deflated bubble



ANTHONY HARRIS

Wednesday's recovery celebrations in the London market look naive, to put it politely. Even a short backward perspective shows that this was a second celebration of the same event: share prices have been discounting recovery since the first shock of White Wednesday. OK, some recovery is now visible; but as Tempus remarked yesterday, it is easy to exaggerate its strength. The current news — of trouble at Ford and falls in employment or real wages all over the place — remains forbidding. We are likely to find that, as in America, the first bounce in activity from disastrously low levels has little early follow-through; it simply restores low levels.

The broader geographical view shows the Anglo-American recovery, such as it is, looking sadly lonely in the developed world. The up-trend is quite long established in America, but the employment outlook still shows no response, as Robert Reich announced for the new administration this week. Consumer confidence has relapsed and bonds are still making much of the running on Wall Street. In continental Europe, psychological depression is gnawing at the business world like a rodent. Japanese businessmen maintain a more stoical public face when confronted with misfortune, so they announce their grim expectations of falling sales and profits quite calmly; but if they expressed their emotions like normal people, they would be screaming.

You would not know this if you relied on Japanese official forecasts, but the finance ministry in Tokyo makes even our own Treasury look prescient. It took the MoF many vital months to wake up to the existence of a growth problem; now they are addressing it with inadequate tax and spending measures, accompanied by more unrealistic forecasts. They rely on the enhanced fiscal package now at least nearing enactment to restore growth. After all, they argue, a more modest stimulus in 1987 not only worked, but started the bubble economy. They ignore 1976-7, when a series of no fewer than five fiscal packages had hardly any effect. It is true that monetary policy was tight in the mid-1970s in an effort to contain the oil shock to prices, but it is not true that policy is loose now. There is still a monetary squeeze, despite official relaxation, but this time it is imposed by the commercial banks.

At first sight, this is simply the same mistake that the Bank of England made (in its public comments, at least) until quite recently; but, in fact, the Japanese mistake is bigger, and there is less excuse for it. It is bigger because although Japanese officials talk of the bubble economy in the past tense, figures in the current GT Asian Monetary Monitor show that it is not burst, only half deflated. The MoF should know, because it is helping to conceal these facts in the course of bail-outs.

Fact 1: land prices, even after a steep fall, are still about 50 per cent above their long-term trend. Fact 2: virtually the whole of bank lending in the past two years has been to the property industry — not because it is credit-worthy, but because it cannot afford even the interest on its loans. As long as the banks keep the loans alive, they can avoid taking the underlying losses onto their books. Fact 3: although the inventory problem is said to be solved, business inventories are still far higher than is needed to service even the optimistic official forecast of sales growth. It will probably be a full year before output responds to any upturn in demand. Meanwhile, it will be held below sales.

These grim facts are worth recording, not merely as a corrective to any rosy views of Japan, but also because they give what is only an exaggerated picture of all the economies that have suffered banking excesses, especially in the English-speaking world and Scandinavia. In the same sense, yesterday's figures from Barclays Bank, no doubt, were too bad to be true — a Quinton Memorial issue of the bad news — but still a valid warning. As long as the banks are rationing the bad news, they will be afraid to lend, and as long as they are afraid, more debts will turn bad.

Not until the bubble is truly burst can recovery begin. That is why still lower interest rates, even if they mean higher taxes, are the only way forward.

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Philips set to axe up to 15,000 jobs

FROM MARK FULLER IN EINDHOVEN

■ Philips has brought in a new finance director as it struggles to reorganise for the second time in the face of the severest price competition for electronics since the war

PHILIPS Electronics is to embark on its second significant reorganisation in as many years, shedding between 10,000 and 15,000 jobs in a bid to return to profit.

Announcing losses of 900 million guilders (£336 million) last year, the Dutch electronics group, which made a restated Fl878 million net profit the previous year, also unveiled the Fl1.2 billion restructuring package to counter the effects of the economic downturn and the continual malaise in its consumer electronics and components markets.

Dudley Eustace, the former British Aerospace executive, has been appointed financial director and vice-president to try to improve Philips' precarious financial position.

Jan Timmer, the president, said the company had underestimated the scale of price erosion, "the worst since the second world war" when it launched the Fl4.6 billion reorganisation in 1991.

Operation Centurion, as it was known, was one of the most drastic job-cutting programmes ever seen in European industry, shedding nearly 50,000 jobs. The latest cutbacks will be spread across "many countries and many projects", he said. He ruled out any large-scale sell-offs but said the company would continue to divest divisions that did not meet profit targets.

Prices fell 6 per cent on average for Philips consumer electronics last year and were not expected to improve this year, Mr Timmer said.

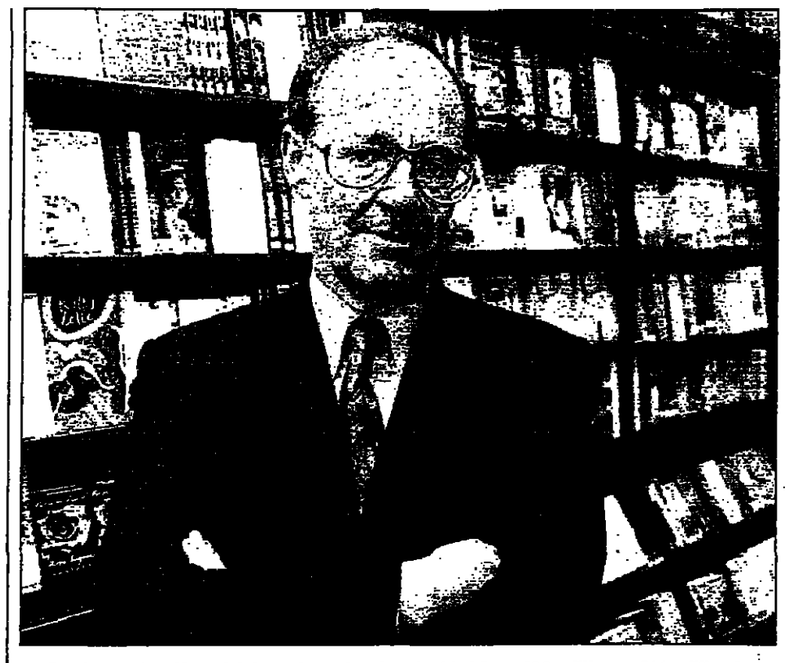
Operating profit fell 21 per cent to Fl2.49 billion last year, excluding the Fl1.2 billion provision for reorganisation. Mr Timmer said this was mainly due to losses at Grundig, the German subsidiary, which were consolidated into the parent company's figures for the first time last year. There were also a number of "large setbacks" in the consumer electronics, components and communications systems markets. Geographically, Europe is hardest hit while US operations showed a slight improvement.

Philips will not pay a dividend for the third successive year. Shareholders' confidence has slumped since the group's fortunes turned sour in 1990.

Mr Timmer declined to make a profit forecast for this year. He said he expected the first benefits to accrue from the extra reorganisation in 1994.

Philips' fortunes are now tied to its new products, which still have a long way to go. The digital compact cassette and compact disc interactive have just been launched, but the high-definition television programme in Europe has been suspended.

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On the market: Terry Maher, above, head of Pentos, the books-to-stationery group, has put the loss-making office furniture division up for sale after a grim year in which group profits tumbled from £15.2 million to £4 million (Jon Ashworth writes).

Pentos, which owns Dillons, Ryman and Athena, hopes to raise at least £23 million from the sale of the division which made an operating loss of £300,000, compared with a profit of £3.7 million last time. Clive Gregory, finance director, said the proceeds would be used to reduce borrowings which doubled from £20 million to £44 million in the year to end-December. The rise was fueled by capital expenditure of £16 million on opening new shops and £6 million towards the acquisition of Wilding, the office equipment chain. Profits were hit by exceptional redundancy and reorganisation costs of £3.5 million. Earnings per share were 2.6p compared with 9.1p. A final dividend of 0.8p (1.9p) makes a total of 1.5p (2.75p) a share for the year.

Pentos shares were little changed at 51p yesterday.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Receivers called in at Survival Group

JOHN Ashcroft, former chairman and chief executive of Coloroll, the failed home furnishings group, has called in the receivers at Survival Group, his latest venture. Mr Ashcroft set up Survival in Penrith, Cumbria. The chain of outdoor clothing and equipment shops has liabilities estimated at £1.7 million. All 11 shops, stretching from Bristol to Glasgow, have been closed for stocktaking but should be open again this weekend.

Joint administrative receivers from Buchler Phillips & Traynor and Clark & Co, accountants, were assessing how best to salvage the business, which employs about 70 people. It was Mr Ashcroft's first new business venture after Coloroll went into receivership with debts of up to £400 million in June 1990. Ron Robinson, joint administrator, said: "We are looking to sell the company, either in whole or in part."

Health clubs join SE

DAVID Lloyd Leisure, owner and operator of seven health clubs in London and the South East, is coming to market via a placing and offer for sale at 150p a share, valuing it at £59 million. The directors forecast pre-tax profits of at least £5.5 million in the year to end-September, for potential earnings of 10.3p a share. Pre-tax profits rose from £625,000 in 1990 to £3 million last year. The issue price puts the company on a multiple of 14.5 times forecast earnings and reflects a forecast gross dividend yield of 2.9 per cent. Dealings will start on March 19. Tempus, page 27

News Corp issue

THE News Corporation, the international media group that owns *The Times*, is planning to raise $450 million to $500 million in convertible loan notes as the latest step in its strategy to cut bank debt. The 20-year liquid yield option notes are expected to be exchangeable for ordinary News Corp shares at about 20 per cent above the shares' market value on the date of issue. Merrill Lynch will act as placement agent and the securities will be issued via an exempt offering and private placement. News Corp has raised about $3 billion in debt and equity issues in recent months.

VW warns of decline

THE German car industry is facing its sharpest decline since the second world war and the troubles are likely to continue well into next year, Ferdinand Piëch, new management board chairman at Volkswagen, Europe's biggest car maker, told trade union representatives yesterday. Herr Piëch predicted that new vehicle registrations would drop about 20 per cent this year, investment would have to be halved and jobs cut. Group net profits in the third quarter last year were DM104 million, a fall of almost 50 per cent year-on-year.

Amic pegs dividend

ANGLO American Industrial Corporation (Amic) is holding its 1992 total dividend at 350 cents a share, but says net attributable earnings fell by 12 per cent, to R352 million (£77.6 million) from R401 million. The year was one of stresses and strains in the South African economy; real GDP fell by 2 per cent, the third successive year of decline. Amic is a one-third shareholder in the R3.5 billion Columbus stainless steel project, which comes on stream in 1996. The company expects 1993 group earnings to be at least equal to those of 1992.

German steel strike

FACED with a drastic capacity reduction in the German steel industry, 24,000 workers at Krupp-Hoesch began an unofficial strike. Gerhard Cromme, the company's chairman, told strikers that redundancy, rather than early retirement and natural wastage, could not be ruled out. Thyssen Stahl, the country's biggest steel firm, approved 4,500 job cuts as part of a restructuring plan. February unemployment figures, out today, are expected to show the seasonally adjusted number of jobless in western Germany rising by close to January's 70,000 increase.

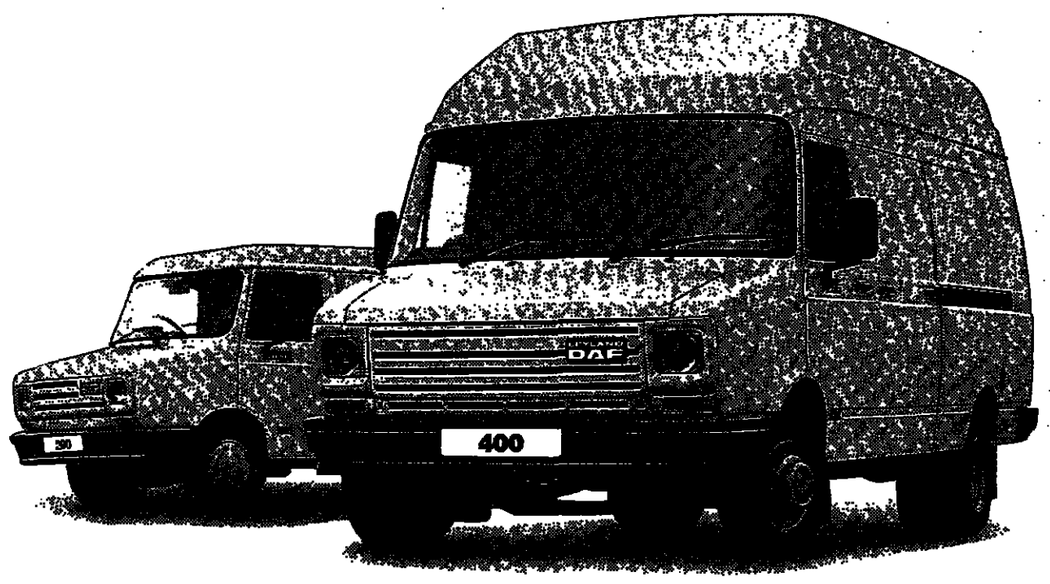
Sema rises 39%

SEMA, the Anglo-French computer services group, lifted pre-tax profits 39 per cent to £19.5 million (£14 million) in the year to end-December, on turnover of £417 million (£369 million). Earnings per share increased 20 per cent to 13.2p (11p). A final dividend of 1.7p (1.6p) a share makes a total of 2.8p (2.6p) a share for the year. The shares rose 12p to 283p. The results exclude a net capital gain of £15.4 million from the sale of Sofres, the group's market research company, in January 1992. The group has eliminated all net debt.

BP reviews Sullom Voe

BRITISH Petroleum, operator of the Sullom Voe terminal on the Shetland Islands, is reviewing operations, including staffing levels, in a bid to reduce costs. Some installations have become redundant now the main fields feeding into it, Brent and Ninian, are past their prime. Peter Guy, a BP spokesman, said Sullom Voe no longer made full use of installations built in the 1970s. Only four of five gas turbines used in the power stations are in use, and only three of four jetties. One fractionisation unit out of the original three is in use.

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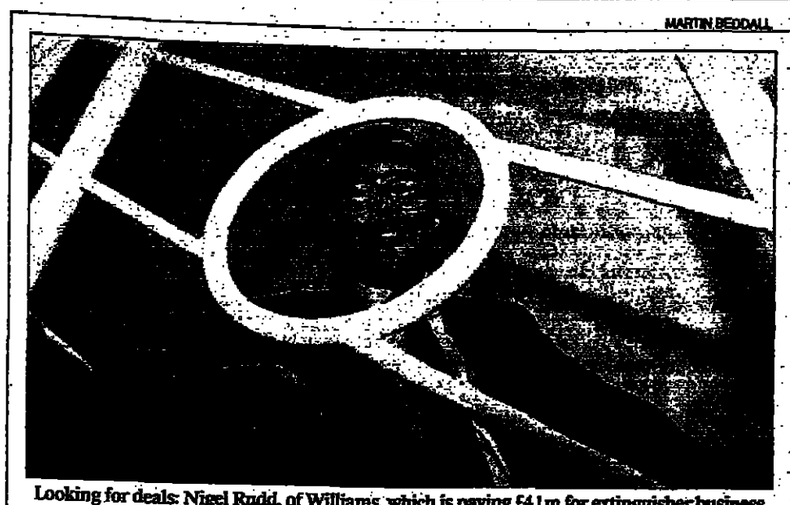
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MARTIN BEDDALL



Looking for deals: Nigel Rudd, of Williams, which is paying £41m for extinguisher business

Williams hits the acquisition trail again

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

WILLIAMS Holdings, the industrial group that has spent £65 million on acquisitions in the past 17 months, is buying Thorn EMI's portable fire extinguisher business for £41 million.

Williams is paying for the purchase with the proceeds of an 11.9 million share placing at 345p a share that was completed yesterday. It said that the acquisition would broaden its fire and safety division.

Thorn's extinguisher business has manufacturing bases in Oldham and Newcastle upon Tyne and distributes and services its products through 28 branches in Britain and two branches in Rotterdam and Antwerp. The division has 1,000 employees. Sales for the year ending March 31 are forecast at £38.1 million, and pre-interest profit for the 1993 financial period is forecast at £3.3 million. Net assets on completion are expected to be £10.1 million, debt free, and the pro-forma gearing ratio of Williams will be 43 per cent.

Thorn EMI has agreed to the continued use of the Thorn brand on fire appliances under specified conditions. Nigel Rudd, chairman of Williams, said yesterday that the group had performed strongly in difficult conditions in the year ended December 31, when pre-tax profits rose from £133.2 million to £161.3 million on turnover of £1.04 billion (£1 billion). The final dividend rises from 7.35p to 7.5p a share, making 12.5p (12.35p) a share for the year.

The 1992 profits of Williams, drawn up under the new financial reporting standard, includes a £5 million loss on the disposal of Spencer Clark Metal Industries and an £11 million book profit on the sale of the group's 9.95 per cent interest in Racal Electronics, for which it made an unsuccessful bid in November, 1991.

Mr Rudd said 1992 was a year of considerable challenge to the group's operating companies. In Britain, mainland Europe and North America, all markets fell victim to the deepening recession. With lower interest rates and falling inflation, there were some early signals that the economy was improving. But in mainland Europe, the position remained fragile.

"Overall, however, the outlook for Williams is more encouraging than it has been for some time," Mr Rudd added, although he suggested that any recovery in the American or British economy was not expected to have any material impact until the latter part of 1993.

Sir Colin Southgate, Thorn EMI's chairman, said the proceeds would be used for the further growth of the group's music and rental businesses, and, in the short term, to reduce group borrowings. Shares in Williams eased 5p to 355p. Thorn EMI shares were unchanged at 871p.

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Property write-offs drag down Ladbroke profit

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

■ The absence of Americans from hotels in Britain and racetracks back home is holding back Ladbroke, while property losses have deepened and do-it-yourself has slipped

SWINGEING write-offs in the value of investment property cut 1992 pre-tax profits at Ladbroke Group, Cyril Stein's hotels, DIY and gaming combine, to £40.1 million, from £210.4 million in 1991. Property provisions totalled £146.7 million: to date, the group has written £336.2 million off the value of its portfolio.

Adoption of the new FRS3 accounting convention, which bars profits from disposals being taken into the pre-tax line and will be used in Ladbroke's 1993 accounts, would have reduced the 1992 profit figure to just £5.2 million.

But Mr Stein, the chairman, is pushing ahead with a final dividend of 6.23p, making a total up from 10.93p to 11.15p. The £121 million cost of the dividend will come out of the group's revenue reserves of £508 million.

"For 27 years as a public company," Mr Stein said, "we've never lowered our dividend once. There was no reason to do so now." He cited the size of the reserves and the company's £53.8 million of positive cash flow last year, against an outflow in 1991 of £87.0 million. Ladbroke expects to be cash-positive again this year.

The size of the property provisions dismayed the City, but the support of the increased dividend limited the share price fall to 1p, to 199p. Mark Finnie, analyst at NatWest Securities, has revised his 1993 pre-tax profit forecast to £163 million, from £172 million.

At the year-end, net borrowings stood at £1.34 billion, an increase from £1.21 billion. Much of the debt is overseas, and the fall in the value of the pound increased the sterling equivalent by £195.5 million. Mr Stein said the group had more than £400 million of undrawn bank facilities.

Hilton International, the hotel chain, saw profits before exceptional items slip from £163.8 million to £151.7 million, despite an £11 million benefit from exchange rate movements. The stronger dollar and yen came too late in the year to influence overseas travel by Americans and Japanese.

Mr Stein said there was no sign of Americans returning to London in large numbers, but bookings both in Britain and worldwide were substantially higher than this time last year. Hilton sold four hotels in 1992, realising profits of £38.9 million.

Racing saw a minimal £300,000 increase in profits, to £64.8 million. In Britain, the number of betting transactions was up after a fall in 1991 and net margins were good. In America, however, turnover and profits were static, after losses at the racetrack in Minnesota, now closed. Sixty shops were shut in Flanders after an increase in betting tax imposed by the regional government. Closures cut £8 million off the division's profits.

The property side saw losses deepen by £23 million, to £35.4 million. The write-down in the value of the portfolio resulted from a professional valuation of a quarter of the group's investment properties; there was a provision amounting to 15.2 per cent of the portfolio's value.

Texas Homecare had a difficult second half, and profits for the year fell from £47.5 million to £43.8 million. Sales were up by 6.2 per cent overall and by more than 4 per cent on a like-for-like basis.

Mr Stein said any improvement in trading in 1993, and continuing operating efficiencies in all divisions, would enable Ladbroke to improve profitability.

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Sinking pints, rising profits: Boddington Group, the North West pub operator, bucked a 4.4 per cent decline in beer volumes across the group in the 53 weeks to January 2, to increase pre-tax profits by £6 million to £26.3 million, ahead of market expectations and sparking a 14p share price rise to 230p. A final dividend of 4.7p makes a total increased from 6.6p to 7.3p. Boddington, where Hubert Reid, above, is managing director, retains a near-20 per cent strategic stake in J A Devenish, the West Country pubs group, but higher dividend payments and lower interest rates have reduced the carrying cost of this investment to less than £300,000 a year. The current year had got off to an encouraging start, he said, and the group's plans did not depend on an economic recovery.

New Ofwat terms take effect

Ofwat, the water industry watchdog, said amendments to industry licences prohibiting any cross-subsidy between the 32 water companies' water and sewerage businesses took effect from yesterday.

The amendments, agreed with the companies, also enable Ofwat to assess transactions within water companies by requiring the disclosure of individual transactions over a certain amount with associated companies.

Other amendments require the water companies' directors to notify Ofwat of proposals for diversification that might affect their business.

Greencore sale

The sharp rise in the share price of Greencore this week has scuppered plans by the Irish government to sell its 30.4 per cent stake in the sugar business. Talks with Archer-Daniels-Midland centered on the 240p share price prevailing in mid-February.

The shares leapt from 239p to 269p in three days but eased 5p to 264p yesterday when Dublin made clear it would limit any sale to a 29.9 per cent stake to avoid triggering a full bid from the buyer.

Lloyd's link

Lloyd's of London has called in McKinsey, the management consultancy, to co-ordinate the 350-year-old insurance market's first business plan. McKinsey was used to produce the task force report on the insurance market's problems and methods of resolving them.

SE to widen range of listing sponsors

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

THE London Stock Exchange is considering allowing non-member firms, including advisers such as accountants and lawyers, to sponsor listings.

According to draft rules, due to take effect this summer, companies will be able to choose from a wider range of professional advisers to sponsor listing applications and a sponsor will no longer have to be a member firm. The proposals will be of particular interest to corporate brokers, merchant banks and other advisers.

The criteria for sponsors will include good commercial standing, the employment of an adequate supervision of staff with relevant qualifications and experience, and an undertaking not to act as sponsor for any organisation from which the firm is not independent.

Nigel Atkinson, head of listings at the SE, said: "With Europe being a more open place than previously, we can not have restrictive practices. We hope to open up the position and are looking at who could sensibly be a sponsor.

"As firms have expanded the range of their professional capability in recent years, we recognised that it was not only member firms which were able to perform the responsibilities of the sponsor. Listed companies will now be able to choose from a larger pool of potential sponsors," he added.

With proposals to scrap the Unlisted Securities Market, which has been used by small companies as a stepping stone to a full listing, there are concerns about companies' ability to raise capital. Many smaller companies will therefore welcome any possibility of obtaining a listing at a more reasonable cost.

Brian Winterflood of Winterflood Securities said: "We welcome such an opening-up of the market. We think it's alright as long as it's well regulated. I'm not against it; I think it will give us a wider spread. We need a wider spread. It brings in another element of competitiveness."

The question of whether more competition will actually bring reduced costs is open. It is estimated that about 95 per cent of the work will still be done by the firms undertaking this type of work at present.

"I'm not envisaging an enormous rush of new applicants. We are making sure there is a quality threshold for all the potential sponsors," the SE added.



Winterflood: welcomes plan

N&P debt provisions hit profit

BY OUR MONEY EDITOR

THE National & Provincial Building Society made provisions for bad debts of £109 million last year, cutting pre-tax profits by 22 per cent to £80 million.

Richard Newton, the chairman, said last year saw the crisis in the housing market deepen and the fears inherent a year ago all too fully realised.

Mr Newton said: "During a very difficult year, however, the society has not only maintained its financial health, but improved it."

Operating profits increased 22 per cent to £189 million. This was despite taking into account a £7.2 million increase in the level of non-recoverable interest.

The cost-income ratio has been brought down by 23 per cent since 1990 to 40.9 per cent. Total assets at the seventh-largest building society increased by 11.6 per cent to £12 billion.

The Skipton Building Society also saw an increase in provisions and a fall in profits. Provisions rose from £27.5 million to £42.2 million, with a half relating to commercial loans.

The pre-tax profit halved from £8.2 million to £4.1 million. The society also restated the 1991 accounts to increase provisions by £3.2 million and reduce commercial assets by the same amount. This also cut the profit after tax by £2.2 million.

The society's assets grew to £3 billion and its cost income ratio fell from 50.1 per cent to 42.8 per cent.

Lautro fines Colonial Mutual

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

COLONIAL Mutual, the Australian insurance company, has been fined £130,000 by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation for breaches of regulations over more than a year. It is the largest fine Lautro has imposed.

The company is examining all policies sold in the course of several years to establish whether they were suitable for customers. Thirty customers are to receive compensation to put them back where they would have been if they had not bought Colonial Mutual policies.

Lautro's previous largest fine, of £120,000, was imposed on Scottish Widows in December. The company also had to check thousands of policies and pay compensation to some customers.

Colonial Mutual admitted misconduct, in that it had failed to organise and control its internal affairs in a responsible manner. It had failed train staff adequately or to check that they were keeping proper records.

The company had been warned in the spring of 1990 to improve its procedures but, when checked in the summer of 1991, it was found to have failed to deal with many of the problems that had been identified.

The sales staff did not observe compliance procedures adequately. The company did not take references from all its tied agents or train its staff and agents properly. It did not check records completed by salesmen to ensure that policies sold had been suitable for customers. Neither did it handle complaints properly.

At the end of 1991, the company had suspended recruitment of tied agents for three months at Lautro's request. In addition, existing appointments had been reviewed.

The regulator said Colonial Mutual had since improved its recruitment and compliance procedures.

Although the fine reflected the seriousness of the breaches, Lautro said, it was the first time a charge of misconduct had been brought against Colonial Mutual. The company had co-operated with the investigators.

EC takes hard line on Rover sweeteners

FROM TOM WALKER
IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission will next week ask the British government to recoup up to £70 million from British Aerospace in respect of sweeteners paid five years ago when the aircraft maker took over the ailing Rover car group.

The judgment, the first real test of competition commissioner Karel van Miert's mettle, is likely to draw strong protests from BAe. But the commission was unrelenting yesterday. One official said there was no question over the decision: "It only took us about ten minutes to decide," he said.

The Rover sweeteners affair is one of the longest-running Brussels sagas. Sir Leon Brittan, then competition commissioner, had asked BAe to repay the £44.4 million it received from the government in 1988 after an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the £150 million sale in 1987. BAe lawyers, however, argued that Sir Leon had overstepped his powers, and the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg annulled the decision. Sir Leon, furious that a simple procedural oversight by his own legal team could result in such a dramatic reversal, vowed to re-open the investigation and have the money repaid. Next week's announcement will be the final stage of that fresh enquiry.

The ruling will fuel BAe fears that Brussels is conducting something of a vendetta against the hard-pressed group. The EC this year criticised the pricing policy of Rover Group, hinting it could end up in court for refusing discounts to private buyers.

Based on a sales period between August 1989 and spring 1990, EC officials calculated that Rover could owe as much as £65 million to customers. The case embarrassed the EC at the time, as it wanted as little publicity as possible before the sweeteners judgment.

Mr Van Miert will ask the company to repay anything up to £70 million because the EC believes interest should be paid on the original £44.4 million. An interest rate of 10 per cent a year from the date of repayment would add £37 million to BAe's bill. The exact calculation of interest owed, however, has to be made by a British court.

The EC has always been critical of the role played by Lord Young, former trade secretary, in the Rover case, alleging he colluded with the company in hiding facts from Brussels.

The sweeteners were uncovered by Whitehall's financial watchdog, John Bourn, comptroller and auditor general. They comprised £9.5 million covering the purchase cost of minority shares; £33.4 million which accrued to BAe from deferred payment, and £1.5 million for legal and other costs during the takeover.

Mr Van Miert's decision will be welcomed by the French, who often claimed to detect signs of bias in competition policy under Sir Leon.

NEW INVESTMENT RATES FROM THE BRISTOL & WEST

Effective 5th March 1993.

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT INVESTED	GROSS* (VARIABLE)	NETT**
BALMORAL HIGH INTEREST ACCOUNT	£2,000 – £9,999	6.50%	4.88%
	£10,000 – £24,999	6.75%	5.06%
	£25,000 – £49,999	7.00%	5.25%
	£50,000+	7.25%	5.44%

Effective 5th March 1993.

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT INVESTED	GROSS* (VARIABLE)	GROSS* CAR†	NETT**	NETT** CAR†
BALMORAL MONTHLY INCOME ACCOUNT	£2,000 – £9,999	6.31%	6.50%	4.74%	4.84%
	£10,000 – £24,999	6.55%	6.75%	4.91%	5.02%
	£25,000 – £49,999	6.78%	7.00%	5.09%	5.21%
	£50,000+	7.02%	7.25%	5.26%	5.39%

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STOCK MARKET

British Aerospace bucks the trend

BRITISH Aerospace resisted the downward trend experienced in the rest of the equity market to post a rise of 11p to 283p as the group provided further evidence that the worst of its troubles may be over.

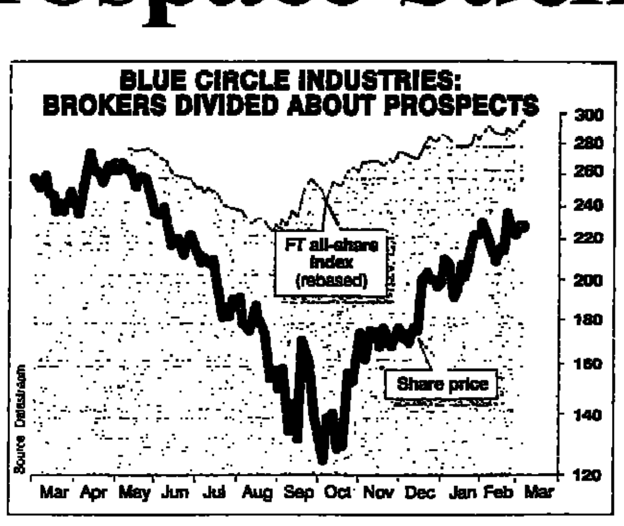
The company gave a briefing on Wednesday night to Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, which had made **British Aerospace** one of its shares of the year and had calculated a break-up value for the group of 600p a share. Henderson said the new management was in a confident mood about prospects, including the European Fighter Aircraft project. Rover is also performing well, as underlined by new car registrations which rose 16.1 per cent in February.

Cadbury Schweppes eased 3p to 490p despite BZW, the company's own broker, increasing its forecast for the current year by £13 million to £395 million on currency influences. It is still looking for a figure of £453 million for next year. BZW says earnings will grow by 17 per cent in 1993 and 16 per cent in 1994.

The BAe share price has performed strongly since the new year and Henderson says there is scope for further improvement. By the close of business, almost 4 million shares had changed hands.

The rest of the market staged a resilient performance in the face of the announcement of heavy losses from **Barclays Bank** and the decision by the Bundesbank to peg German interest rates at current levels. A warning from the Bank of England about inflationary pressures also dampened sentiment.

In spite of this, the FT-SE 100 index held above the 2,900 level, limiting the fall on the day to 13.8 points at 2,904.8, with 660 million shares traded. The decision to halve the final dividend and losses far worse than the City had been expecting saw shares of Barclays Bank touch 344p before they ended the session 37p lower at 396p. The Barclay share price accounted for almost four points of the fall in the index. The pre-tax losses of £242 million were the first in the bank's 97-year history and compared with a profit the previous year of £533 million.



The rest of the banks attracted support as investors switched out of Barclays, with **HSBC** rising 9p to 633p, **Lloyds** 5p to 545p, **National Westminster** 1p to 444p, **Royal Bank of Scotland** 6p to 245p, **Standard Chartered** 10p to 702p, and **TSB Group** 4p to 175p. **Ladbroke** slipped 1p to 199p after reporting full-year figures every bit as bad as feared. Pre-tax profits fell from £210.4 million to £40.1 million after property write-offs totalling £146.7 million. **Williams Holdings**, the industrial conglomerate, eased 6p to 354p after weighing in with an increase in full-year pre-tax profits from £133.2 million to £161.3 million. **Berkeley Group**, the housebuilder, is raising an extra £44.1 million with a rights issue of one for four at 295p. It wants to acquire extra sites and is forecasting a rise in pre-tax profits from £12.6 million to £15 million. The shares touched 347p before finishing 10p higher at 370p.

Rank Organisation plans to reschedule its debt burden with a £100 million Eurosterling 8.37 per cent seven-year bond issue. Its shares ended 6p lower at 689p.

Blue Circle Industries eased 2p to 228p as at least two brokers took opposing views about prospects. Shaw & Co is urging clients to buy the shares for recovery and says their recent outperformance should not deter them from investing in a company that will fast be returning to a profits plateau achieved in the late 1980s. But Yamaichi, its rival, is urging investors to take profits.

Allied-Lyons fell 11p to 582p in the wake of this week's profit downgrading by Cazenove, the stockbroker. But **Boddington Group** climbed 14p to 230p in response to a 30 per cent profits expansion. **Devenish**, in which Boddington holds a 20 per cent stake, fell 5p to 268p. Tesco eased 2p to 245p amid whispers that a line of 3.5 million shares is now overhanging the market.

But bid speculation continued to drive **James Wilkes**, 5p higher at 64p. **Suter**, 1p lighter at 144p, holds 8 per cent of the shares.

Molins, the cigarette machine maker, rose 20p to 455p in thin trading. Brokers say that it will benefit from investment by tobacco companies. They expect full-year figures later this month will show profits up £1 million at £16.5 million. The company is thought to have a £38 million pension fund surplus.

☐ **New York** — Shares were down in afternoon trading, but analysts said they saw the drop as a correction. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 12.96 points at 3,391.08.

MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

	Mar 4 midday	Mar 3 close
AMP Inc	57	57
AMR Corp	58	58
Abbott Labs	29	29
Aetna Life	47	48
Ahmanson (HF)	20	21
Air Prod & Chem	43	44
Albertson's	54	53
Alcan Alumin	18	18
Alex Standard	42	42
Allied Signal	67	67
Alum Co of Am	69	69
Amax	18	18
Amerada Hess	51	52
Amer Brands	34	34
Amer Cyanamid	50	50
Amer El Power	36	35
Amer Express	24	24
Amer Genl Corp	29	29
Amer Home Pr	60	61
Amer Intl	122	122
Amer Stores	40	39
Amer T & T	57	57
Ameritech	75	75
Amoco	55	55
Anheuser-Busch	54	55
Apple Computer	53	54
Archer Daniels	26	26
Arkla	8	8
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	32	32
Asarco	24	24
Ashland Oil	27	27
Atl Richfield	117	118
Auto Data Pro	53	53
Avery Dennison	28	29
Avon Products	63	63
Baker Hughes	23	24
Baltim Gas & El	25	26
Banc One	52	53
BankAmerica	51	52
Bank of NY	57	56
Bankers Tr NY	69	69
Barnett Banks	46	46
Bausch & Lomb	56	55
Baxter Intl	29	29
Becton Dicknsn	35	36
Bell Atlantic	56	55
BellSouth	57	57
Black & Decker	17	18
Block (H&R)	37	38
Boeing	34	34
Boise Cascade	24	24
Borden Inc	26	26
Bristol Myrs Sq	57	58
Browning Ferris	27	27
Burlington Nthn	48	48
CBS	199	200
CNA Financial	93	94
CPC Intl	48	49
CSX	72	72
Campbell Soup	43	44
Can Pacific	14	13
Cptl Cities ABC	489	490
Cptl Holdings	76	77
Carolina Pwr	32	32
Caterpillar	58	59
Central & SW	32	33
Champion Intl	30	30
Chase Manhat	32	32
Chemical Bk	41	42
Chevron Corp	78	78
Chrysler	38	39
Chubb Corp	92	90
Cigna Corp	61	61
Citicorp	26	26
Clorox	48	48
Coastal Corp	25	26
Coca Cola	42	42
Colgate-Palmolive	63	63
Columbia Gas	23	23
Commonw Ed	27	27
Compaq Comp	43	43
Comp Ass Intl	24	25
Conagra	27	28
Cons Edison	35	35
Cons Nat Gas	46	46
Cons Rail	55	56
Cooper Inds	50	51
Corning Inc	33	33
Crown Cork	38	38
Dana Corp	45	46
Dayton Hudson	77	76
Deere	52	53
Delta Air Lines	49	48
Deluxe Corp	42	42
Detroit Edison	36	36
Digital Equip	46	47
Dillard Dept St	42	43
Disney (Walt)	44	44
Dominion Res	42	42
Donnelley (RR)	29	29
Dover Corp	46	46
Dow Chemicals	54	55
Dow Jones	30	30
Dresser	19	19
Duke Power	39	39
Dun & Bradstreet	57	57
Du Pont	47	47
Eastman Kodak	53	53
Eaton Corp	82	81

	Mar 4 midday	Mar 3 close
Emerson Elec	57	58
Engelhard Corp	39	41
Enron Corp	57	58
Entergy Corp	36	36
Ethyl Corp	27	28
Exxon	64	63
FMC Corp	46	46
FPL Group	38	38
Federal Express	54	54
Fed Nat Mrge	80	82
First Chicago	42	42
First Interstate	53	54
First Union Rlty	11	11
Fleet Finl Grp	34	34
Fluor Corp	45	44
Ford Motor	48	47
GTE Corp	36	36
Gannett	50	49
Gap Inc Del	32	33
Gen Cinema	35	35
Gen Dynamics	117	117
Gen Electric	85	85
Gen Mills	72	72
Gen Motors	38	38
Gen Reinsurance	116	116
Gen Signal	64	64
Genuine Parts	34	34
Georgia Pac	66	65
Gillette	59	59
Glaxo ADR	19	19
Goodrich (BF)	44	44
Goodyear Tire	70	71
Grace (W&R)	37	38
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23	23
Great Wstn Fin	18	18
Halliburton	35	35
Heinz (HJ)	45	45
Hercules	71	71
Hershey Foods	54	54
Hewlett Packard	75	76
Hilton Hotels	47	47
Home Depot	63	64
Homestake	12	12
Honeywell	32	33
Household Intl	67	65
Houston Inds	47	47
Humana	19	19
ITT Corp	78	78
Illinois Tool	73	74
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	33	34
Inland Steel	21	21
Intel Corp	117	119
IBM	54	55
Intl Flav & Fr	110	110
Intl Paper	64	63
James River Va	19	19
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41	42
K Mart	24	24
Kellogg	66	66
Kerr-McGee	46	46
Kimberly-Clark	56	56
Knight-Ridder	57	57
Lilly (Eli)	51	52
Limited Inc	24	25
LIN Brdcstng	82	83
Lincoln Nat	75	74
Litton	50	50
Liz Claiborne	34	35
Lockheed Corp	58	58
Louisiana Pac	71	71
MCI Commun	41	41
Marriott	25	25
Marsh & McLnn	93	94
Martin Marietta	71	72
Masco Corp	32	32
May Dept St	71	72
Maytag Corp	14	14
McCaw Cellular	36	36
McDonalds	51	51
McDonnell D	55	55
McGraw Hill	59	59
Mead Corp	42	43
Medtronic	77	78
Mellon Bk	61	61
Melville Corp	48	49
Merck Inc	37	38
Merrill Lynch	68	68
Minnesota Mine	105	104
Mobil Corp	67	67
Monsanto	53	52
Morgan (JP)	65	66
Motorola Inc	59	59
Natl Medical	9	9
Natl Semi	11	11
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	2	2
NBD Bancorp	35	34
NY Times A	28	28
Newmont Mng	39	39
Niag Mohawk	22	22
Nike B	72	74
NL Industries	4	4
Nordstrom	32	33
Norfolk Sthrn	64	64
Nthn State Pwr	46	47
Norwest Corp	47	48
Nynex Corp	92	92
Occidental Pet	20	20
Ohio Edison	24	24

	Mar 4 midday	Mar 3 close
Oracle Systems	32	34
Oryx Energy Co	21	21
PNC Financial	32	32
PPG Industries	68	67
Paccar Inc	59	59
Pacificorp	18	18
Pac Enterprises	23	22
Pac Gas & Elect	35	35
Pac Telesis	47	47
Pall Corp	17	18
Panhandle East	22	22
Paramnt Comm	49	48
Parker Hannifin	31	32
Penney (JC)	81	81
Pennzoil	56	57
Pepsico	41	40
Pfizer	59	60
Phelps Dodge	49	49
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	65	66
Phillips Pet	28	29
Pitney Bowes	42	42
Polaroid	28	28
Price Co	34	35
Primerica	37	38
Procter & Gmbl	53	53
Pub Serv E & G	33	33
Quaker Oats	69	69
Ralston Purina	51	51
Raychem Corp	43	43
Raytheon	54	54
Reebok Intl	33	33
Reynolds Metals	50	51
Roadway Srvcs	63	63
Rockwell Intl	28	28
Rohm & Haas	57	57
Royal Dutch	89	89
Rubbermaid	33	33
Safeco Corp	64	64
St Paul's Cos	77	77
Salomon Inc	39	41
Santa Fe S Pac	13	13
Sara Lee Corp	30	30
Seecorp	49	49
Schering Plough	58	58
Schlumberger	59	59
Scott Paper	39	39
Seagram	27	26
Sears Roebuck	51	51
Shell Trans	52	52
Sherwin Wllms	33	33
Skyline Corp	22	23
Snap-On-Tools	33	34
Southern Co	41	41
Sthwestern Bell	79	79
Sprint Corp	29	29
Stanley Works	42	42
Sun Company	27	28
Suntrust	47	48
Supervalu	32	32
Syntex Corp	19	19
Sysco Corp	25	24
TRW Inc	59	59
Tandem Comp	13	13
Tandy Corp	26	26
Telecom Corp	2	2
Teledyne	20	20
Temple Inland	49	49
Tenneco	45	46
Texaco	62	62
Texas Inst	58	58
Texas Utilities	45	45
Textron	44	44
Time Warner	36	36
Times-Mirror	33	33
Timken	29	29
Torchmark	60	60
Toys R Us	39	38
Transamerica	48	48
Travelers Corp	27	27
Tribune	52	53
Tyco Labs	45	46
UAL Corp	115	115
UST Inc	27	27
USX Marathon	18	18
Unilever NV	113	113
Union Camp	44	44
Union Carbide	16	16
Union Pacific	59	60
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAIR Group	16	16
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	38	39
US West	42	42
United Tech	45	45
Unocal Corp	25	27
Upjohn	28	28
VF Corp	50	51
Wal-Mart Stores	33	33
Warner-Lambert	65	66
Waste Mgmnt Inc	37	37
Wells Fargo	101	103
Westinghouse El	13	13
Weyerhaeuser	44	43
Whirlpool	51	51
Whitman	14	14
Winn Dixie	64	70
Woolworth	28	28
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	34	33
Xerox	83	84

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities spent a lacklustre session drifting lower on an absence of support following the decision of the Bundesbank to peg German interest rates.

Investors are taking the view that it may be another few weeks before the next cut in rates materialises. Prices at the ultra-short end were worst hit.

The Bank of England was able to supply further tranches of the four taplets issued on Monday including Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998 at £102⅞ and Treasury Index-Linked 2½ per cent 2013 at £128⁷⁄₁₆.

On the futures market, the June series of the long gilt finished 10 ticks lower at £106¼ as 22,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 shed two ticks at £106¹⁵⁄₃₂ with Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 losing a similar amount at £112¹⁄₃₂.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104	100	Treas 12¼% 1993	102	...	12.20	5.70
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	100	.	5.99	5.66
107	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	105	...	13.00	5.56
102	96	Treas 8¼% 1994	102	...	8.28	5.49
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	108	-	13.35	5.48
110	103	Exch 13½% 1994	108	...	12.41	5.59
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	105	...	9.49	5.61
110	103	Exch 12¾% 1994	109	-	11.40	5.62
105	96	Treas 9% 1994	105	..	8.54	5.64
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	111	-	10.81	5.78
96	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.11	4.63
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	109	-	9.36	5.92
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	116	-	10.94	6.00
120	109	Treas 14% 1996	120	-	11.65	6.24
125	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	125	-	12.18	6.37
120	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	119	-	11.08	6.38
111	98	Conv 10% 1996	111	-	8.99	6.54
122	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	122	-	10.84	6.67
113	100	Exch 10½% 1997	113	-	9.27	6.65
108	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	108	..	8.10	6.64
132	117	Exch 15% 1997	131	-	11.37	6.88
112	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	..	8.70	6.81
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
102	96	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	..	7.14	6.61
100	86	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	..	6.72	6.50
137	123	Treas 15½% 1998	137	...	11.24	7.14
122	107	Exch 12% 1998	122	-	9.83	7.22
112	97	Treas 9½% 1999	111	+	8.49	7.00
124	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	124	..	9.87	7.28
116	101	Treas 10½% 1999	116	+	8.98	7.11
116	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	116	..	8.82	7.18
110	94	Conv 9% 2000	110	-	8.16	7.12
130	114	Treas 13% 2000	130	-	9.97	7.55
114	99	Treas 10% 2001	114	..	8.73	7.54
129	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	-	10.86	7.24
113	98	Treas 9¾% 2002	113	...	8.59	7.73
52	46	Treas 9pc 2003	52	-	7.81	7.64
115	100	Treas 10% 2003	115	-	8.66	7.85

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
121	107	Treas 11½% 2001-04	121	-	9.46	7.82
74	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73	-	4.74	6.84
111	96	Conv 9½% 2004	111	-	8.54	7.99
111	96	Conv 9½% 2005	111	-	8.53	8.01
130	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	130	-	9.57	8.13
101	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	100	-	7.95	7.95
124	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	124	-	9.45	8.09
103	89	Treas 8½% 2007	103	-	8.24	8.12
138	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	138	-	9.75	8.13
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
107	93	Treas 9% 2008	107	-	8.40	8.19
98	85	Treas 8% 2009	98	-	8.16	8.21
106	93	Conv 9% 2011	106	-	8.45	8.30
106	93	Treas 9% 2012	106	-	8.46	8.32
75	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75	-	7.33	8.02
95	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95	-	8.11	8.16
133	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	133	-	8.99	8.51
103	91	Treas 8¾% 2017	103	-	8.94	8.39
		UNDATED				
47	39	Consols 4%	47	...	8.51	...
41	35	War Ln 3½%	41	-	8.45	...
63	50	Conv 3½%	62	-	5.63	...
30	24	Consols 2½%	30	-	8.18	...
29	24	Treas 2½%	29	-	8.39	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	-	...	0.78
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	...	1.45	2.18
109	100	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109	-	2.08	2.57
165	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	+	2.64	2.98
161	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161	+	2.80	3.09
110	101	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	110	+	2.91	3.19
167	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	+	3.01	3.23
151	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151	+	3.21	3.41
156	129	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156	+	3.29	3.47
128	106	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128	+	3.36	3.51
136	112	Treas IL 2½% 2016	136	+	3.43	3.58
130	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	130	+	3.49	3.63
108	88	Treas IL 2½% 2024	108	+	3.52	3.65
108	91	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108	+	3.53	3.66

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Standard Chart	702p (+10p)	Barclays	392p (-41p)
Boddington	230p (+14p)	Allied-Lyons	582p (-11p)
Berkeley Group	370p (+10p)	Hardy Hanson	246p (-11p)
Wellcome	904p (+13p)	SA Breweries	920p (-28p)
FR Group	275p (+15p)	Transfer Tech	456p (-13p)
Ranger	358p (+10p)	Harrington K	225p (-11p)
Daejan	953p (+20p)		
London & Man	343p (+11p)		

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RECENT ISSUES

Intl Food Machinery (51)	70	-1	Kingfisher Uts n/p (450)	78	-14
Merlin Intl Green Units	92	...	Menvier-Swain n/p (520)	67	...
Motor World (210)	270	...	PizzaExpress n/p (40)	38	+1
New City & Comm Inv Tst	88	...	Stonehill Hldg A n/p (10)	3½	...
New City & Comm Wts	23	+2	Trafalgar House n/p (60)	17	-1½
RIGHTS ISSUES			Triplex Lloyd n/p (140)	29	...
Bellway n/p (320)	45	-6	Volex n/p (345)	53	...
Bowater Units n/p (440)	72	-5	Wills Group n/p (16)	5½	...
Howden Group n/p (52)	10	...	Yorkshire Chems n/p (330)	47	...

UNITED NATIONS
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Applications with C.V. and recent photograph should be sent to:

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES 071-782 7344

LEGAL NOTICES

Manmaster Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Bridford House, 11 Gough Square, London EC4A 3DE on 15 March 1993 at 10.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - 25 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3LN, not later than 12 noon on 12 March 1993
By Order of the Board
S Ginsburg, Director.

No. 00683 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF DUNKELD GROUP PLC
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated Wednesday 17th February 1993 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £5,246,470.94 to £480,000 and the cancellation of the share premium account and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company (as altered) the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 18th February 1993.
Dated 5th day of March 1993
RICHARDS BUTLER
Beaufort House 15, St Botolph Street London EC3A 7EE
Solicitors
for the above named Company.

No 00487 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
MR REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
IN THE MATTER OF HARVEYS HOLDINGS PLC
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated the 24th day of February 1993, confirming the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £26,563,154 was registered with the Registrar of Companies on the 26th day of February 1993.
Dated the 4th day of March 1993
Travers Smith Braithwaite
10 Snow Hill, London EC1A 2AL
Solicitors
for the above-named Company

NO 347 OF 1992
IN THE OXFORD COURT
IN BANKRUPTCY
IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT COLSTON JANES (IN BANKRUPTCY)
and IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
I Edward John Wacey of Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF, was on 23 February 1993 appointed Trustee in Bankruptcy of the above debtor
Dated 1 March 1993
E J Wacey
Trustee in Bankruptcy

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
VOLUNTARY WINDING UP (MEMBERS OR CREDITORS)
Pursuant to Section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number and Name: Asiamet (No2) Resources Limited Registered No. 02068576. Asiamet (No 3) Resources Limited Registered No. 02068577. Asiamet (No 4) Resources Limited Registered No 02068578. Asiamet (No5) Resources Limited Registered No. 02068579. Asiamet Exploration (No 1) Limited Registered No 02070330. Asiamet Exploration (No.2) Limited Registered No 02071758. Asiamet Exploration (No. 3) Limited Registered No. 02072612. Nature of Business: Investment Type of Liquidation: Members' Address of Registered Office. 90 Great Russell Street London WC1B 3RJ. Liquidator's name and address: Delma Lynne Thompson Ernst & Young Level 13 321 Kent Street Sydney NSW 2000 Australia. Office holder no. 8092. Date of Appointment. Monday 15 February 1993 By Whom Appointed. The company. Delma Lynne Thompson, Liquidator. Date 16 February 1993.

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers
Pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986
We D Swaden F.C.A & D J. Power, F.C.A. of Leonard Curtis & Partners, 3rd Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester M1 5AB, were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of Croston Coatings Limited, Registered No. 1765721, by National Westminster Bank P.L.C on 8th February 1993. Under the powers contained in a Debenture dated 28th May 1987
D Swaden, F.C.A. & D.J. Power, F.C.A Joint Administrative Receivers.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
VOLUNTARY WINDING UP (MEMBERS OR CREDITORS)
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number and Name: Asiamet Exploration (No4) Limited Registered No: 02072688. Asiamet Exploration (No.5) Limited Registered No. 02072686. Asiamet Exploration (No.6) Limited Registered No. 02072587. Asiamet Exploration (No7) Limited Registered No. 02072585. Asiamet Exploration (No 8) Limited Registered No. 02071262. Asiamet Exploration (No.9) Limited Registered No. 02070991. Asiamet Exploration (No.10) Limited Registered No. 02071737. Nature of Business: Investment. Type of Liquidation: Members'. Address of Registered Office: 90 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3RJ. Liquidator's name and address: Delma Lynne Thompson Ernst & Young Level 13, 321 Kent Street Sydney NSW 2000 Australia. Office holder no: 8092. Date of Appointment: Monday 15 February, 1993. By whom appointed: The company. Date 16 February 1993. Delma Lynne Thompson, Liquidator.

Notice of Appointment of Sole Liquidator and Notice to Creditors to Claim
A D H STEEL COMPANY LIMITED
Principal Trading Address: 2 Queen Elizabeth Square, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex
Company Number:2486853
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 16 February 1993 Roger Powdrill/David Morgan was appointed liquidator of the above named company (creditors' voluntary winding up).
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to the liquidator at the following address under reference NDV/CXH
Touche Ross & Co.,
PO Box 810 Friary Court
65 Crutched Friars
London EC3N 2NP

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers
LEVEL HEADED LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered Number. 2608662 Nature of Business: Supply & Manufacture of Signs & Exhibition Stands. Trade classification: 46 Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 26th February 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank plc. Name & Address of Joint Administrative Receivers: Colin George Wiseman FCA & Simon Geoffrey Paterson MIPA Booth White 58 New Road Chatham Kent ME4 4QR. Office Holder Numbers: 6712 & 6856 respectively. Colin George Wiseman & Simon Geoffrey Paterson Joint Administrative Receivers

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2144951. Name of company: Edwards Group Holdings Limited (In Receivership) Nature of business: Property Developers & Managers. Address of registered office: Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ Type of Liquidation. Creditors. Liquidator: R A Segal A Segal & Co., Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ Office Holder Nos: 002685. Date of appointment: 23 February 1993. By whom appointed. The Members & Creditors. Date. 25 February 1993.

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986.
Company Number 2144951. Name of company: ECH Property Management Ltd. Nature of business. Property Managers. Address of registered office: Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation. Creditors. Liquidator: R A Segal A Segal & Co., Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office Holder Nos: 002685. Date of appointment: 23 February 1993. By whom appointed. The Members & Creditors. Date: 25 February 1993.

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number 1476696. Name of company: Elvisly Yours Limited. Nature of business. Retailers of Elvis Pop Memorabilia. Address of registered office: Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation. Creditors. Liquidator: R A Segal A Segal & Co., Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office Holder Nos: 002685 Date of appointment: 24 February 1993. By whom appointed. The Members & Creditors. Date: 24 February 1993.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Fairfield Park Development Company Limited
Registered number: 2308076. Nature of business: Property Development. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 19 February 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: The Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: JCJ Readman and G Ritchie (office holder nos: 5890 and 5196). Address: George House 50 George Square Glasgow G2 1RR.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
HERBERT SPORTS LIMITED
Registered number: 1848422. Nature of business: Retailers of Sports equipment. Trade classification: No 22. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 2 March 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: Barclays Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Michael David Gercke and Peter Norman Spratt (office holder nos: 2360 and 6278) Address: Price Waterhouse Bridge Gate 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Marktrip Limited
Registered number: 2339248. Nature of business: Property Development. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 19 February 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: The Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: JCJ Readman and G Ritchie (office holder nos: 5890 and 5196). Address: George House 50 George Square Glasgow G2 1RR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Delta Doric Electrics Limited
Registered number: 2038415. Trading Name DDE. Nature of business. Electrical contracting. Trade classification: 27. Date of appointment of administrative receivers. 1 March 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Hambros Bank Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Norman Spratt & Dipankar Mohan Ghosh (office holder nos: 6278 & 5798. Address. Price Waterhouse Thames Court 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1HB.

The Insolvency Act 1986
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the abovenamed companies are required, on or before 9 March 1993, to send in their names, addresses and particulars of their claims to the undersigned, the Liquidator of the said companies, at Ernst & Young, Level 13, 321 Kent Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such claims are notified.
Further a final dividend is to be declared on 10 March 1993 for the companies.
Creditors whose debts or claims have not already been admitted are required on or before 9 March 1993 to formally prove their debts or claims. If they do not, they will be excluded from the benefit of the dividend.
Dated: 16 February 1993.
Delma Lynne Thompson,
Liquidator
NOTE: This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
KIMBERLEY (HEATING) LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on Thursday 25th March 1993 at The Linton Lodge Hotel, 13 Linton Road, Oxford, OX2 6UJ at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require
DATED this 1st day of March 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J A. Kimberley, DIRECTOR

The Insolvency Act 1986
Asiamet (No2) Resources Limited Registered No: 02068576.
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Liquidator
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THE PERFECT GLASS SHOP LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 26th February 1993.
Dated this 26th February 1993.
Peter S Dunn FCA, Liquidator.

TRANS-GLOBAL (UK) LIMITED
IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Act that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator at 31 Great George Street, Bristol BS1 5QD by 2 April 1993 which is the last day for proving claims.
PRC Densham, Liquidator.

COMPANY NOTICES

Company No. 055815C
FORTUNA HOLDING COMPANY LIMITED
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the First Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7EU on Monday March 29, 1993 at 10.00 a.m. for the adoption of the following Resolutions:
1. To defer consideration of the accounts to a future general meeting of the Company.
2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young, London as first auditors of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the general meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company.
3. To authorise the Board of Directors to fix the Auditors' remuneration.
By order of the Board
F J Kindarli, Secretary
Registered Office: Derby House, 2nd Floor, Athol Street, Douglas, Isle of Man.
March 1, 1993
NOTES A member entitled to vote at this meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Mrs Louisa Marshall's Charitable Bequest
The Commissioners propose to make an Order appointing trustees of this Charity. Copies of the draft Order can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference AHL-155757-CD(Ldn1). Objections and suggestions can be sent within one month from today.

CONTRACTS & TENDERS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
PAYPHONE PRODUCTS

Expressions of Interest are sought from suitable companies for the supply of Payphone products for the Australian Customer Operated Market segment.

Interested companies must first obtain supporting documentation which details in a preliminary manner the nature of the product and the requirements of a formal expression of interest. This documentation is available after signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement, from Ms Sue Neistat, Level 3, 210 Kingsway, South Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Fax No. 61 3 690 7626.

Applications close at 2.00pm on 26 April 1993 and these should be addressed to the:

Manager Technology Strategy and Sourcing,
Payphone Services Engineering, Level 3,
210 Kingsway, South Melbourne,
Victoria 3205, Australia.

Telecom Australia

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES
TO PLACE ALL YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE CALL DEBRA GYNN
TEL: 071 782 7344 or FAX: 071 481 9313

Paris put on standby for a new French revolution

Harsh economic realities are forcing France to man the international trade barricades and step up privatisation, Ross Tieman says

A new industrial revolution is looming across the Channel. Behind much of the rhetoric pressaging elections to the French National Assembly this month lies discomfort over acknowledging a huge structural shift in the French economy.

Public ownership is on the way out. Privatisation is back on the agenda. This is no mere matter of political philosophy: it is an economic imperative, born from the conjunction of France's growing budget deficit with the need to adjust the country's industrial base to the demands of the single market and world trade.

Given the degree of governmental entanglement in industry, and the pain of developing recession, it is not surprising French ministers have hit out at Britain. But behind the allegations of "social dumping" and "competitive devaluation" lies the uncomfortable truth that France, too, must go some way down the route travelled by Britain in the 1980s. It is a path that Spain and Italy are also taking. Like France, they must tackle rising deficits by selling state industrial holdings. Like France, they must free their industry to raise money on capital markets, form alliances, and make the strategic shift from serving national customers to competing, or failing, in a single European marketplace that is far tougher than envisaged.

In the past, state interference often seemed to serve France well. The French economy stagnated for virtually the first half of this century. But in the 30 years from 1945, successive governments, through the system of indicative planning, were able to claim the credit for modernising the French economy, achieving growth in gross domestic product averaging 5 per cent a year.

Peter Holmes, an economist, said: "The problem is that while this job had been accomplished by the 1960s, government continued to lead people to believe that it had a bigger role to play in directing industry than it was actually capable of playing any more, right up to the early 1980s."

When the first oil shock derailed the world economy in 1973, France suffered with the rest. Industry reacted to slower growth and increased competition within the European Community by state-sponsored domestic alliances that concentrated market share.

State ownership of key industries has long been a French tradition. The response of François Mitterrand's newly elected Socialist government to ongoing malaise and the recession of the early 1980s was, therefore, to seek salvation in a programme of nationalisation. Many key companies, such as Renault, the vehicle maker, had been in government hands since the war. The Socialists' 1982 nationalisation campaign brought firms accounting for 15 per cent of industrial output and virtually the entire banking system into public ownership. Within a year, it all started to go wrong. Under pressure from overstretched finances, the Socialists ordered all state companies to become profitable by 1985. Conservative success in the 1986 National Assembly elections ushered in a period of "cohabitation" with M Mitterrand's Socialist presidency and a law to return business to private hands. Under an act of 1986, valid for five years, 32 of 65 named companies have been wholly or partly sold. Even after the Socialists regained full power, privatisation continued at a modest pace with the sale, as recently as January, of a further tranche of shares in Rhône-Poulenc, the chemicals group.

The Union Pour la France, the conservative alliance set to take control of the assembly this month, is committed to relaunching the privatisation programme. The UPF also looks set to push it firmly into the utility sector for the first time. *Le Monde*, the independent French newspaper, said: "A major earthquake is in the offing: a medium-term shift in the centre of gravity of French capitalism." It is clear that some conservative leaders are contemplating a much bigger sell-off programme than had been thought.



Nurturer of nationalisation: Mitterrand saw it as salvation

Philippe Auberger, a spokesman within the UPF, said the financial goal was to achieve privatisation receipts of Fr30 billion (£3.7 billion) this year, with subsequent targets of Fr30 billion to Fr50 billion a year. Others have indicated that annual receipts could reach Fr60 billion. That suggests a sell-off programme comparable in scale to Britain's, which raised £8.7 billion in 1988-9, the peak year.

A special commission is to decide the detail of disposals; choosing the companies, timing, and price. The commission will be responsible for ensuring that 25 to 30 per cent of shares in privatised firms go to commited shareholders who will form a "noyau dur," a hard core that will preserve the company's stability and discourage unwanted takeover bids.

Even so, about 25 per cent of the capital is likely to be offered for sale on international markets. Conservative politicians have suggested that the capacity of the French stock market, far smaller than the London exchange, might limit the pace of the sale programme. In fact, French investors have displayed an astonishing appetite for shares in state companies.

In practice, many state-controlled French companies have operated as though privately owned for some years now. But their balance sheets have often become overstretched because of the inability of the state to inject new capital. Today's high interest rates have made these debts a heavy burden, adding to the enthusiasm of directors disenchanted with government control for escaping into the private sector.

Prime targets for piecemeal privatisation seem to be Rhône-Poulenc, Péchiney, the aluminium smelter, and Elf Aquitaine, the oil company, plus banks and insurance companies. Usinor Sacilor, the steelmaker, and Renault, which already has a 20 per cent cross-shareholding with Volvo of Sweden, will probably be added when market conditions permit. But attention is also focusing on the hitherto taboo area of utilities. First candidate in the frame is France Telecom, with a price tag of perhaps Fr200 billion.

Both conservatives and Socialists are already jockeying for position in the presidential election in 1995. So, to placate those who might otherwise oppose privatisation, the receipts will be applied to the construction of public housing and rebuilding the companies' balance sheets as well as repayment of the public debt.

Politicians doubtless hope that, thanks to the long-standing practice of *pantouflage*, moving civil servants between industry and ministries, and the concept of the *noyau dur*, the state will retain much of its influence on the activities of firms.

Voters' expectations about the ability of government to direct industry have yet to take account of the single market and the power of the European Commission to block subsidies, import tariffs and other forms of market-rigging. If British experience is any guide, both groups are likely to experience frustration over their ability, post-privatisation, to block private sector decisions involving rationalisations and job losses.

The international development of French industry, necessary if it is to compete in a world dividing rapidly into three huge trading blocks, has been held back by state ownership. But state involvement has also led to a good deal of restructuring, much of it beneficial, and investment. In a year or two, with the burdens of under-capitalisation and penal interest rates lifted, French industry may be expected to out-perform. So long as that restores the creation of jobs and prosperity, French privatisation will help to establish a new European consensus in which the private sector rather than the state is dominant. Governments no longer have the money to invest in the infrastructure as they used to.

TEMPUS

Silence is not golden

INVESTORS have every reason to be furious with Barclays and its management. The bank blew the £920 million proceeds of the 1988 rights in a cavalier spree of low-quality lending at the top of the property market. It failed to foresee the depth of the recession and therefore spent three years underproviding for bad debts. Now the market feels betrayed, because the bank failed to give any warning of a dividend cut.

Many institutions had accepted the bank's silence about its performance as a sign that the payout would be maintained. After all, Barclays had a perfect opportunity to make a dividend and profit warning along with December's provisions against Imry.

It would be nice to believe that the worst is over. Even Barclays could not lose £600 million on 27 customers for a second year in a row. The bank has also included every conceivable provision in its figures, including the £690 million general provision, a £102 million reorganisation charge and an £82 million loss on disposals. Stripping much of this out, a £500 million profit looks attainable this year.

Unfortunately, Barclays still appears underprovided when compared with its peers. The bank has provisions of only 31 per cent against its £9.35 billion problem loan portfolio, against more than 50 per cent at National Westminster. In addition, 12 per cent of the group's assets are based in continental Europe, which could demand some further ugly provisioning.

The shares are also likely to flounder until the bank produces a credible chief executive. At 398p, the shares stand on a prospective yield of 5.1 per cent on a maintained dividend, 0.2 of a point lower than NatWest. That is scarcely an adequate reward for such an unappealing prospect.

Ladbroke

SINCE FRS3 now prevents Ladbroke including profits from hotel disposals on a cost basis, how convenient that the group should write down its hotels by £196 million. That decision should ensure that profits from hotel sales begin to flow once more on a carrying-value basis.

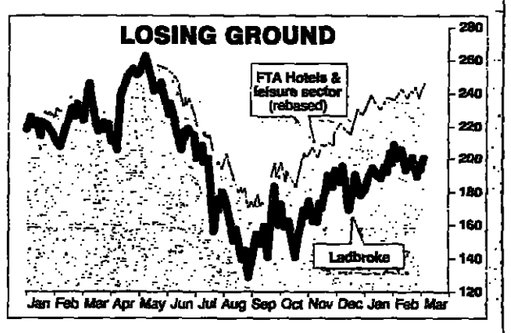
Not that Ladbroke has escaped the new accounting regulations without any damage. Under the new standard, the group suffered a retained loss of £34 million last year, compared with a £1.2 million profit under the old system. The hotel and property writedowns have also knocked the group's debt ratios off course.

Net debts of £1.34 billion put the gearing at 53 per cent. If one excludes the £376 million value the group attributes to its Vernons and Hilton brands, the figure is nearer 62 per cent.

The group will continue to suffer a heavy interest charge this year since half its debt is fixed and some of the rest is swapped out at higher rates.

Ladbroke needs to sustain a strong cash flow to service this debt. To that end, the group will need to realise another £100 million or so in property sales this year, not onerous given the group's trading record.

The shares however are stuck on a yield of 7.4 per cent, which shows the City is still concerned about Ladbroke's ability to pay down its borrowings.



Williams

WILLIAMS Holdings is one of the few acquisition-driven stars of the eighties still standing. A strategy of being the biggest and lowest-cost player in businesses with above-average growth provided the basis for creditable results, despite difficult trading conditions.

The group even achieved double-digit profit growth in markets such as building products. However, given these businesses' strong market position and high margins, one could have expected stronger cash generation.

The acquisition of Thorn's fire extinguisher business is a worthy candidate for the Williams treatment, with considerable scope for profit improvement. It also sends out pleasing signals on Williams's acquisition strategy, suggesting a preference for opportunistic, bolt-on deals, rather than large, hostile takeover bids.

Nigel Rudd was at pains to make it clear that future profits would be driven by both organic growth and acquisitions. Williams is highly operationally geared for recovery. However, the share price is well up with events and probably needed a more bullish statement on trading prospects than Mr Rudd gave.

David Lloyd Leisure

NO ONE wants to miss out on the next Tadpole Technology, so the small crop of new issues is generating considerable interest. David Lloyd Leisure is unlikely to inherit the Tadpole mantle, but it is worth more than a cursory glance.

A prospective p/e of 14.5 and a 2.9 per cent yield make the issue look pricey for such a small company, although it is at a discount to the leisure sector. But growth prospects are good. The placing will raise £13.6 million for the company to finance the opening of six new clubs in the next three years. After that, the group should generate the cash for further expansion. The business is highly cash-generative: more than half of its income is derived from membership fees, which are paid up to a year in advance. The shortage of new equity should ensure a premium of up to 20p on the 150p offer price when dealing starts.

Philips

PHILIPS'S 900 million guilder net loss, after almost 900 million guilders profit in 1991, is a reminder of the stressed state of consumer electronics. Yesterday's 6 per cent jump in the share price, to 22.50 guilders, was a technical bounce rather than a response to positive news from the sector's European flagship. The 47 guilders of April 1990 are a distant memory.

Yet, through the fog of a switch from current to historic cost accounting, and consolidation of Grundig, light can be discerned. Job cuts, which explain the 1.2 billion guilder charge, will enhance profits by about 750 million guilders a year. Wage-restraint, a stronger dollar and the hope that demand and prices cannot drop much further, could soon put Philips back in the black.

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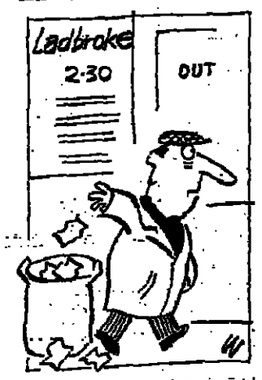
Press pack hounds Buxton

ANDREW Robert Fowell Buxton yesterday bore the haunted look of a scion staring extinction in the face when the terriers of the press snapped at his heels with a ferocity as unprecedented throughout Barclays Bank's 97-year history as its £242 million loss. "Who is responsible? Haven't *any* heads rolled?" the normally restrained financial press pack bayed. "How can Barclays' branch managers have any credibility when they tell struggling small businesses to fire executives and employees?" they demanded. "Is it a chairman you can't find, or a chief executive?" another asked. Buxton, whose critics suspect he had almost as much to do with Barclays' decline as Sir John Quinton, the outgoing chairman, fought his corner by nimbly dodging as many questions as possible. "I know the answer, but no, I'm not going to answer," he said repeatedly. Asked if he would "do the honorable thing and go", Buxton merely said: "No." Only when Buxton, a member of the family banking dynasty that merged to form Barclays in the late 19th century, said he had taken a "significant cut" in his chairman's salary, did the pack back off — and then only slightly. "You're not exercising the Birt option?" one stray interloper tried. Buxton looked confused, apparently unaware of the BBC director-general's unusual pay arrangements. "No, no he's not," Sir Peter Middleton, the deputy chairman and head of BZW, had to interject.

THE code wizards at Bletchley Park, who were always one step ahead of the Germans with Enigma, have nothing on British Airways. In its latest in-house newsletter, BA has revealed the codenames used in takeover negotiations. In the aborted deal with KLM, BA referred to the Dutch airline as "Operation Sahara". "Navigator" was the code-name for Quantas, the Australian airline. In "Project Forest", BA called itself "Squirrel", referring to USAir as "Badger". One hesitates to break the code for Virgin.

Suited to City

AS BRITISH fashion designers extol the virtues of grunge and sloppily (but expensively) dressed men grace the London Fashion Week catwalks, City conservatism is still reeling from Lord King's costly sartorial miscalculation about Richard Branson. Just how trad or individualistic can one be in the City? Picaresquely threadbare in Threadneedle Street, or Burlington Bertie-like in Bow? One arbiter of taste, John Morgan, associate editor of GQ magazine, says: "Someone with charisma and innate style like Branson can always defy the norm. The trend for '93 is that the corporate uniform is going to be less fixed, with continental styles such as blazers and flannels finding increasing favour over here." But the Institute of Directors felt it unfashionable to give any public advice on dress sense. The CBI says demurely: "Dress should be appropriate to the importance of one's job and practical in relation to one's workplace and type of business."



Water wall

A HUGE wall of flowing water, powered by 1,760 solar panels atop a massive steel and glass structure, might look a bit out of place in the London borough of Brent. Finding a site anywhere in Britain able to provide Britain's ambitious Expo '92 pavilion in Seville with enough sunlight to power its 70 by 25 metre waterfall in itself seems next to impossible. But these minor details did not deter the Asian Sky Satellite Company in Brent. It has paid the DTI only £1 million to acquire the pavilion, which cost £14 million to build. But Asian Sky, which needed new headquarters, must pay an extra £9 million to dismantle it and ship it back to London. Jonathan Baines, deputy managing director of Healey and Baker in Seville, which handled the sale, says: "The DTI considered this to be the most attractive offer." Well, certainly the most incongruous.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Issues raised by devaluation

From Mr Patrick O'Brien

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky's article "The real value of devaluation" (March 4) raises some fundamental questions but does not answer them satisfactorily. If all countries devalued during a world recession then exchange rates would stay the same and also, I suspect, would interest rates.

With a gold standard, presumably the price of gold would rise. This, however, would lead to a fall in the amount of gold produced because poorer ores would then be exploited in existing mines. The owners of gold, however, might spend more and gold reserves allow an increase in credit, which might be reflationary.

However, the reduction of interest rates will reduce the spending power of those living on investments in building societies, etc. This is deflationary as we are now about to experience.

Surely Keynesian deficit spending is more appropriate in a country with an inadequate infrastructure?

The oft-mentioned decline in our manufacturing sector is because, uniquely among advanced economies, Britain is self-sufficient in oil, which raises our exchange rate relative to other advanced countries.

The fall in interest rates which has occurred reflects the reduction in the exchange risk for foreigners who finance our trade deficit by buying gilts, etc. The Governor of the Bank of England, for one, doubts whether this is sustainable especially if our trade deficit rises, which it will.

The frightening symptom is our balance of payments deficit at the bottom of a recession. Unlike other developed countries we do not have a trade deficit in oil as an explanation. It is not investment that is the cause of this deficit because that is too low. It is consumption that is not offset by production. Only government hand-outs can explain this phenomenon.

The boom that was partly fuelled by the inflation of house prices is over and the expenditure in excess of production it made possible has been replaced by the necessity to reduce borrowings. What other inflationary force is left? The deficit must now be structural and arises from spending on welfare.

Yours faithfully,
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Chancellor should address savings inequity

From Mr John Hart

Sir, In his letter of February 17, Trevor Openshaw suggested the reintroduction of a form of "granny bonds", in some measure to offset the serious loss of income of the 6 million or so people whose deposits with building societies provide the bulk of finance for mortgages. There would appear no good reason why the building societies should not be authorised to issue such tax-free income bonds for outright purchase, or by transfers from existing deposits, up to defined maxima.

Let the Chancellor iron out this inequity in the Budget.

Yours faithfully,
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Cost of banking on property

Barclays' commitment to lending during the building boom of the 1980s has rebounded in the 1990s, says **Carl Mortished**

NEARLY £1 billion of the £2.5 billion in bad debts announced by Barclays Bank is accounted for by the disastrous expansion of property and construction lending over the past five years.

About 40 per cent of the £1.96 million UK provisions, a "significant proportion" of the £145 million European provisions and the bulk of £183 million write-offs were property related.

The property boom of the late 1980s was backed by more than £40 billion of bank debt and Barclays, of all the clearing banks, was the heaviest lender. At the peak of the borrowing frenzy, Barclays had £5.4 billion out to the property sector, not including construction loans, compared with £1.9 billion for Midland and £2.8 billion for NatWest.

Andrew Buxton, Barclays' chairman and chief executive, explained yesterday why the bank had commited so much of its money to real estate development. He said Barclays believed at the time that it was lending at the peak of the market. Unfortunately, that was precisely the problem.

Sir John Quinton, his forerunner, launched the bank's lending spree with an £922 million rights issue in 1988. Sir John wanted to restore Barclays' position as Britain's biggest bank and his strategy required a dramatic increase in the loan portfolio. Much of that money was used as a springboard to increase the loans to property developers. According to Julian Robins, BZW banks analyst, Barclays had £1.2 billion out to the property sector in 1986. With the extra capital provided by shareholders in 1988, the bank was able to gear up rapidly and the loan book increased by some £30 billion. Property loans accounted for 13 per cent of the growth even though they represented only 3 per cent of book in 1986.

At the same time, property values were soaring. The Jones Lang Wootton index of property rents and values shows an increase of 37 per cent between June 1988 and the peak of the market in the first few months of 1990. The subsequent collapse hit lending institutions worldwide but Barclays property debt problem is unusual, not just because of its size.







Lender and borrowers: Sir John Quinton, top, lent heavily on the Canary Wharf project and to Gerald Ronson

It provided large corporate loans to high profile and aggressive property developers, such as Olympia & York, Speyhawk and Imry, much of it at the peak of the boom. Barclays excelled at what is known as relationship banking, and in many instances backed such individuals as Gerald Ronson, of Heron International, Speyhawk's Trevor Osborne and Martin Myers at Imry. The rationale was that these men were talented businessmen and would make money for themselves and for Barclays. Backing was often provided with corporate loans supported by corporate guarantees rather than security over individual projects.

The requirements of relationship banking sometimes went further than financial support. Sir John Quinton gave a character testimony for Gerald Ronson at the Guinness trial. But the property collapse brought low even the best and the brightest. Heron announced it was in breach of banking covenants last year because of heavy losses on speculative real estate development in the US. Barclays is believed to be owed more than £100 million out of Heron's total borrowings of £1.4 billion. Barclays is also deeply committed to Olympia & York, having backed the mammoth Canary Wharf project in London's Docklands with a sizeable amount of the £570 million "club" loan, alongside Lloyds and a syndicate of European banks. But its total exposure of £220 million includes corporate lending to O&Y in North America.

Speyhawk, the once high-flying property developer, owes the bank £50 million and is being kept afloat thanks to a debt-for-equity swap agreed in January with a syndicate of banks led by Barclays. Another 1980s success story that went wrong for Barclays was Mountleigh. The company went into receivership last May and is believed to owe the bank about £100 million.

Imry is Barclays' most spectacular property disaster, having cost it £240 million in provisions to date. In 1989, the bank financed a £314 million takeover of the quoted company by Marketchief, a vehicle backed by Eagle Star, Development & Realisation Trust, Prudential-Bache and Wolfgang Stolzenberg, a private investor. Barclays provided loans of more than £200 million to support the venture. Then in June 1991, the bank's exposure was doubled in a restructuring to some £420 million.

Barclays is committed to maintaining its relationships with at least some of its clients. Negotiations concluded late last year enabled the bank to take over Imry from Mr Stolzenberg, who had acquired all the shares in the 1991 refinancing. Barclays hopes the Imry team can work out the property portfolio and repay some if not all of the written-down loans to the developer. Speyhawk is another Barclays client being supported.

According to bank executives, the job is now risk management of the property portfolio. What that seems to mean in practice is continuing relationships with certain property developers who are respected while providing them with incentives to add value to the property assets in the form of shares or options. In pursuing that policy, Barclays has become owner of a property company. It remains to be seen how the bank will deal with another headache: Canary Wharf, which is expected to come out of administration soon. There, Barclays needs to find a formula agreeable to its syndicate partners, and a management team capable of running the development.

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Man who shares blame for losses

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the end of last year that he will split the role of chairman and chief executive.

He said that "some careers have suffered" as a result of the mistakes of the past, but refused to be drawn on numbers or on at what level of seniority.

Mr Buxton said that he would tell shareholders about careers that had suffered if they were to ask, but "I am not going to talk about it publicly".

The pronouncement was interpreted as a willingness to reassure institutional shareholders but a reluctance to explain to small shareholders and customers.

Mr Buxton joined Barclays in 1963 from Oxford, rising through the ranks from his first clerical job in a west London branch.

He is not a favourite of the press, often coming across as aloof and verging on appearing disinterested. Former colleagues have said he does not fit comfortably into the Barclays mould. Some describe him as a "cold fish".

Mr Buxton became group managing director in 1988 and was picked to be chairman and chief executive by fellow directors last year, assuming the title of chief executive last May and taking over the job in January.

Sir John retired early, believed to be unhappy at being asked to hand over his executive role.

Sir John was only the second chairman of the bank to come from outside the families, which, despite their minimal control over the Barclays shares, with less than 1 per cent, have dominated the running of the bank.

Two members of the old families, including Mr Buxton and Sir Timothy Bevan, the former chairman, are on the current Barclays board, and there are several family members still working their apprenticeship out in the regions.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

BILSTON & BATT'SEA
Pre-tax: £222,000 loss
EPS: 4.1p loss (2p)
Div: Nil (nil)
Final. Profits last time were £120,000. One-for-one rights issue to raise £753,000. Exceptional charge of £181,000.

BRAIME (TF & JH) (Fin)
Pre-tax: £682,000
EPS: 26.69p (30.22p)
Div: 6.5p, mkg 8.75p
Profits last time were £667,859 and final dividend was 6.5p, making an unchanged 8.75p. Turnover eased to £6.5m from £7.3m.

GALLIFORD (Int)
Pre-tax: £327,000
EPS: 0.27p (1.56p)
Div: 0.5p (0.95p)
Profits last time were £2.06m. Company said the final dividend is likely to be reduced. Net cash reduced to £5m from £6m.

INTEREUROPE TECH (Int)
Pre-tax: £542,000
EPS: 7.05p (7.95p)
Div: 2p (2p)
Profits last time were £614,000. Turnover down from £5.4m to £4.8m. Q2 better than Q1 and trading continues to improve.

FERRY PICKERING (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.5m (£2.26m)
EPS: 9.77p (12.68p)
Div: 2p, mkg 7.5p (5.5p)
Employee numbers reduced by 15 per cent and capital expenditure requirements likely to be minimal, to help reduce borrowings.

MTL INSTRUMENTS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £3.7m (£4.6m)
EPS: 13.3p (16.6p)
Div: 2p, mkg 3.6p
Dividend last year was 3.4p. Turnover rose to £19.4m from £18m but operating profit fell to £3.17m from £3.9m.

RENISHAW (Int)
Pre-tax: £3.07m (£4.18m)
EPS: 4.4p (6.1p)
Div: 2.5p (2.5p)
Turnover rose from £21.3m to £22m. Although German and Japanese were weak, other economies show signs of recovery.

SUMIT (Fin)
Pre-tax: £186,693
EPS: 2.2p (1.4p)
Div: 1.4p (1.25p)
Profits last time were £157,434. Affiliation between SUMIT Equity Ventures and Schroder Venture Advisers working well.

Court of Appeal — Law Report March 5 1993 — Queen's Bench Division

Disclosure of medical records

Dunn v British Coal Corporation

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Mann

[Judgment February 26]

In a personal injury action an employee who claimed damages for loss of earnings or impaired earning capacity had, if so requested by his employer, to disclose general medical records of the whole of his medical history to his employer's medical advisers.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an interlocutory appeal by the employer, British Coal Corporation, from the order of Mr Justice Tudor Evans sitting at Newcastle upon Tyne on May 20, 1992, that had restricted disclosure by the employee to current and pre-existing medical records relating to the site of his injury.

Mr Simon Hawkesworth, QC and Mr Simon Gash for the employer: Mr Christopher Carling for the employee.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that the employee, aged 53 and a miner, while working at the coal face was struck by a wooden chock. He suffered injury to his neck and had been unable to resume work.

He was claiming against his employer damages for, *inter alia*, loss of earnings until his normal retirement age. The employee's sickness records were before the court and showed that he had had a short period off work from back ache in 1988 and six weeks before the accident had had one or two days off because of neck ache.

The employer wished to have the employee examined by its own consultant and had requested that the consultant be shown the employee's hospital records, general practitioner's notes and the notes of the employer's own medical officer.

The employee consented to discovery by the employer of all records relating to the neck but declined to agree anything more extensive in the absence of the consultant giving him reasons as to why he wanted to see more.

In January 1992, District Judge Wilson had granted the employer's summons to stay the action unless the employee provided full medical records.

Mr Justice Tudor Evans had upheld the employee's appeal, restricting the disclosure and stating that what the employer was not entitled to do was "to have possession of all medical records and notes and conduct a 'fishing expedition' to discover whether there may be something which might be relevant in reduction" of the employee's damages.

The broad issue at the trial would be as to the financial loss resulting from the employee's injury. That could be affected by any pre-existing condition in relation to the site of the injury and by some wholly unrelated condition which might supervene to affect the employee's earning capacity before normal retirement.

The documents requested by the employer were relevant to that issue. The employee had to prove that the loss of future earnings or earning capacity was caused by the accident. The onus was on him. Therefore he had to prove that he was in normal health and did not suffer from any condition which might cut short his working life.

The claim for damages was in issue and documents which showed that the employee had never suffered anything more serious than an attack of influenza were relevant to that issue, just as much as documents that showed that he was suffering from some condition likely to cut short his working life.

An alternative approach was to consider what would happen if the documents were not produced before trial. The employer could issue a *subpoena duces tecum* for their production.

It was not disputed that they contained some relevant material. Once they were produced to the court the employee's right not to have them disclosed by the holders to others, his right of confidentiality, was lost. They were not privileged documents: see *O'Sullivan v Herdmans Ltd* ([1987] 1 WLR 1047, 1055) *per* Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor.

It was not in the interests of justice that disclosure should be delayed until the trial. Everything pointed to the desirability of early disclosure and that was consistent with the modern cards-on-the-table approach to litigation.

The judge was concerned that the employee might justly object to some totally unrelated, but perhaps embarrassing condition being disclosed. That was understandable and a legitimate concern. But it could be dealt with by limiting the disclosure to the employer's medical advisers.

The documents were disclosed to them in confidence and they had to respect the confidence except in so far as it was necessary to refer to matters which were relevant to the litigation.

Thus, for example, the fact that a plaintiff was suffering some sexually transmitted disease would be irrelevant unless it affected his future earning capacity as might be the case if he had AIDS.

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Mann agreed.

Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson, Doncaster: Brian Thompson & Partners, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Responsibilities of expert witnesses

National Justice Compania Naviera SA v Prudential Assurance Company Ltd (Ikarian Reefer)

Before Mr Justice Cresswell

[Judgment February 25]

Expert witnesses in civil cases had several duties and responsibilities including the duty to give independent and unbiased evidence. If an expert witness did not have expertise in a certain area or had insufficient information to reach a properly researched conclusion then he should say so.

Mr Justice Cresswell so stated in a reserved judgment in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division when giving judgment for the plaintiff shipowner upon its claim for insurance moneys for the loss of its ship, the Ikarian Reefer.

Mr Anthony Clarke, QC, and Mr Nigel Jacobs for the owners; Mr Stephen Tomlinson, QC, and Mr Stephen Kenny for the underwriters.

MR JUSTICE CRESSWELL said that a fire had broken out in the engine room of the vessel. The owners claimed that it became an actual or constructive loss because of a peril which had been insured against.

The underwriters' claim was that the Ikarian Reefer was deliberately set on fire with the owners' connivance. The question for decision was whether that was proved to the required standard and expert evidence was given.

His Lordship said that he considered that a misunderstanding on the part of some of the expert witnesses had taken place concerning their duties and responsibilities which had contributed to the length of the trial. The duties and responsibilities of expert witnesses in civil cases included the following:

1 Expert evidence presented to the court should be, and should be seen to be, the independent product of the expert uninfluenced as to form or content by the exigencies of litigation: see *Whitehouse v Jordan* ([1981] 1 WLR 246, 256) *per* Lord Wilberforce.

2 Independent assistance should be provided to the court by way of objective unbiased opinion regarding matters within the expertise of the expert witness: see *Polivitte Ltd v Commercial Union Assurance Co plc* ([1987] 1 Lloyd's Rep 379, 386) *per* Mr Justice Garland, and *Re J* ([1990] FCR 193) *per* Mr Justice Cazalet. An expert witness in the High Court should never assume the role of advocate.

3 Facts or assumptions upon which the opinion was based should be stated together with material facts which could detract from the concluded opinion.

4 An expert witness should make it clear when a question or issue fell outside his expertise.

5 If the opinion was not properly researched because it was considered that insufficient data was available then that had to be stated with an indication that the opinion was provisional (see *Re J*). If the witness could not assert that the report contained the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth then that qualification should be stated on the report: see *Derby & Co Ltd and Others v Weldon and Others (No 9) (The Times, November 9, 1990) per* Lord Justice Staughton.

6 If, after exchange of reports, an expert witness changed his mind on a material matter then the change of view should be communicated to the other side through legal representatives without delay and, when appropriate, to the court.

7 Photographs, plans, survey reports and other documents referred to in the expert evidence had to be provided to the other side at the same time as the exchange of reports.

Having considered the evidence, his Lordship held that the underwriters did not prove to the relevant standard that the Ikarian Reefer had been deliberately set on fire and it followed that there was judgment for the owners for the appropriate sum.

Solicitors: Clifford Chance; Ince & Co.

Accountant is data user under the Act

Data Protection Registrar v Griffin

An accountant who put information provided by clients on computer for the purpose of producing accounts for presentation to the Inland Revenue and other bodies was a data user within the meaning of section 1(5) of the Data Protection Act 1984 as he controlled the data within the meaning of subsection 1(5)(b) and was therefore required to register with the Data Protection Agency under section 5(1) of the Act.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Waller) so held on February 22 in allowing an appeal by the Data Protection Registrar against a decision of Kingston upon Thames Justices to dismiss charges of an offence under section 5(5) of the Act, of failing to register when required to do so under section 5(1), brought against the respondent, Francis Joseph Griffin.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that the respondent controlled the contents of that data within the meaning of section 1(5)(b) because although the collection of the data was from information provided by the respondent's many individual clients none of them knew what information he was recording or the use he would make of it.

It followed that the only person in control of the data on the computer was the respondent and he controlled the contents.

Driver of mini-cab plied for hire

Nottingham City Council v Woodings

The driver of a marked mini-cab, whose vehicle was not a licensed hackney carriage, plied for hire, within the meaning of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847, if he was approached by a member of the public and then entered into negotiations for the hire of the vehicle.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Waller) held on February 22 in allowing a prosecutor's appeal by way of case stated from Nottingham Crown Court (Judge Brunning and justices) who had allowed an appeal by the respondent, Mark Woodings, against his conviction by Nottingham Justices under section 45 of the 1847 Act.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said the respondent had left his licensed mini-cab, recognisable as a mini-cab by signs on the side reading "Fon-a-Car". The vehicle was not licensed to ply for hire as a hackney carriage under section 37 of the 1847 Act.

The vehicle remained unattended for a while and at that stage the respondent was not plying for hire. After he returned to the driver's seat of the vehicle he was approached by two plain clothes police officers who asked him: "Are you free?" He replied "Yes".

It was at that stage, having told the prospective passenger that he was free that he was plying for hire contrary to section 45 of the 1847 Act.

Confusion no excuse

Dowty Aerospace Gloucester Ltd v Ballinger

Confusion between an employee and his union as to which of them was to initiate the employee's claim of unfair dismissal was not a matter which rendered it impracticable to have presented the application within time for the purposes of section 67(2) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal (Judge Hargrove, QC, Miss A. Maddocks and Miss A. P. Vale) so held on February 17 in allowing an appeal by the employers from the decision of an industrial tribunal that it had jurisdiction to hear the employee's claim.

JUDGE HARGROVE said that either the employee had failed to instruct his union to act, the union had been instructed and failed to act or between them they had failed to define who was to make the application. There had to be default on the part of one or other or both.

By elevating the confusion to the level of an excuse which rendered it impracticable to make the application in time, the industrial tribunal had erred in law.

Deplorable publicity

In re an Action for Negligence (1992 C No 3063)

Although it was utterly deplorable that a journal connected with the law had not only published the fact that the defendants had made a payment into court but also the amount of that payment, it was appropriate for the judge to continue the hearing, since it had already occupied 4½ days and the judge would be able, by a familiar judicial exercise in "controlled forgetfulness", to put it out of his mind.

Mr Justice Knox so held in the Chancery Division on February 22, after referring to Note 22/7/1 in *The Supreme Court Practice 1993* to Order 22, rule 7 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, to the effect that if the rule as to non-disclosure was broken, it was open to the trial judge either to refuse to continue the hearing, or, if satisfied that no injustice would be done, to allow the cause to proceed.

HIS LORDSHIP said he would not comment further on the apparent contempt of court committed by the journal in question, since it was not represented before him.

No duty to provide language lessons

Mecca Leisure Group plc v Chatprachong

Before Mr Justice Wood, Mrs M. E. Sunderland and Mr G. H. Wright

[Judgment February 23]

The operators of a casino were under no obligation to provide English lessons for a Thai croupier to enable him to qualify for the post of full casino manager and they had not discriminated against him on the ground of his race under the Race Relations Act 1976.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when allowing an appeal by the employers, Mecca Leisure Group Ltd, from a decision of a Leeds industrial tribunal in November 1990 that they had unlawfully discriminated against the applicant, Mr Santi Chatprachong, within the meaning of section 1(1)(a) and 4(2)(b) of the 1976 Act.

Section 4 of the 1976 Act provides: "(2) It is unlawful for a person, in the case of a person employed by him at an establishment in Great Britain, to discriminate against that employee . . . (b) in the way he affords him access to opportunities for promotion, transfer or training . . ."

Mr Mark Warwick for the employers; Mr Timothy Kenward for the applicant.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that the applicant had come from Bangkok to England in 1975. He worked as a croupier but in order to become a full manager he had to obtain a certificate by passing an oral examination on gaming legislation. The employers made it plain to the applicant that his English language ability was not good enough for him to obtain the necessary qualification.

He made a complaint to an industrial tribunal that, *inter alia*, by not giving him English lessons the employers had failed to afford him access to opportunities for promotion in accordance with section 4(2)(b).

The applicant had to establish that he had suffered treatment from the employers which fell within Part II of the Act; that the treatment was less favourable than that meted out to others and that the relevant circumstances of himself and the comparators were the same or not materially different and that the direct cause was racial.

The industrial tribunal had not approached the case on the basis of seeking a comparator and making a comparison and in that it had erred in law. Under section 4(2)(b) one had to ask what it was that the employers failed to do for the applicant which was less favourable than they did for other non-Asian staff.

There was no evidence they would have given any special English training to a member of staff who had difficulties. To do so would have been positive discrimination and would have entitled all the other members of staff to require education in the English language. The appeal would be allowed.

Solicitors: Barnett Alexander Chart, Westminster; Mr R. Wadeson.

Pleas of co-accused were irrelevant

Regina v Hall

Before Lord Justice Steyn, Mr Justice Garland and Mr Justice Rougier

[Judgment February 26]

A judge erred in admitting the guilty pleas of a defendant's two co-accused for the sole purpose of explaining to the jury why the co-accused were not on trial with the defendant.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held, allowing David Hall's appeal against his conviction at Birmingham Crown Court (Judge Toyn and a jury) on November 11, 1991 of unlawful wounding, contrary to section 20 of the Offences against the Persons Act 1861.

Section 74 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 provides: "(1) In any proceedings the fact that a person other than the accused has been convicted of an offence . . . shall be admissible in evidence for the purpose of proving, where to do so is relevant to any issue in those proceedings, that that person committed that offence . . ."

Mr Steven Redmond, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Henry Graham, who did not appear below, for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE ROUGIER, giving the judgment of the court, said that the conviction arose out of a pub brawl, following which the appellant's two co-accused had pleaded guilty to affray.

The appellant had pleaded not guilty and his defence was that he had not been the aggressor but that the prosecution witnesses had been and that any violence used by him had been in self-defence.

The prosecution had applied to disclose to the jury the pleas of the two co-accused. It was said that the application was made solely for the purpose of "de-mystification", since the jury might ask themselves why the other persons involved were not in the dock with the appellant.

Despite opposition from the defence the application had been allowed.

The prosecution argued that the judge had been exercising a generic discretion quite apart from that contained in section 74 of the 1984 Act.

However, in the court's judgment, since the prosecution were applying to convey pleas of guilty of two co-accused the application was governed by section 74 and had to be made under section 74 in the absence of agreement with the defence.

It was important to bear in mind that there was no issue at the trial as to whether the affray had actually taken place. The issue was whether the appellant had been the aggressor or the attacked.

The admission of the co-accused's pleas was not therefore permissible under section 74 as it did not go to any live issue. At the same time it had had the effect of strangling the appellant's defence at birth.

In the court's judgment, the fear that a jury might be unduly mystified was often more imagined than real. The jury could simply have been told that they were concerned only with the defendant who was before them.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, West Midlands.

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3	Smith New Crt	Fin Trusts	
4	Wilkes (James)	Industrial	
5	Wolseley	Industrial	
6	Hambros	Banks,Disc	
7	Quicks Group	Motors,Air	
8	Low (Wm)	Foods	
9	Metal Bulletin	Newspapr,Pub	
10	Dorling Kind	Newspapr,Pub	
11	Sun-Plus	Paper,Print	
12	Sthrn Water	Water	
13	Harmony	Mining	
14	Radius	Electrical	
15	Clinton Cards	Drapery,Strs	
16	Jessups	Motors,Air	
17	Foster (John)	Textiles	
18	Evans Of Leeds	Property	
19	Northern Elec	Electricity	
20	Security Serv	Industrial	
21	Lon Merch Sec	Property	
22	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
23	Lloyds Chem	Drapery,Strs	
24	Bluebird Toys	Industrial	
25	THORN EMI	Electrical	
26	South West	Water	
27	Rugby Group	Building,Rds	
28	Tibbet & Britn	Transport	
29	Ryl Bk Scot	Banks,Disc	
30	MR Data Mgmt	Electrical	
31	Geest	Foods	
32	ACT Group	Electrical	
33	LBMS	Electrical	
34	Elbief	Industrial	
35	Welkom	Mining	
36	Wintrust	Banks,Disc	
37	Enterprise	Oils, Gas	
38	Perkins Food	Foods	
39	Moss Bros	Drapery,Strs	
40	Wolvrhmptn D	Breweries	
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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
403	245½	Abbey Ntl	383	-2	...	4.1	14.5
216	154	Allied Irish	225	-1	...	5.4	-
197½	106	Aus New Z	169	...	...	5.3	...
3756½	1906½	BankAmerica	3609½	+12½	...	...	...
213	141	Bk of Ireland	213	+1	...	5.6	34.1
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	7.3	...
140	97	Bank Scotland	130	-3	4.3	4.5	20.5
484	274	Barclays	392	-41	15.1	5.2	-
6	1½	Benchmark	3	...	...	...	...
204	28	Brown Shipley	38	...	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	17½	...	...	...	...
461	285	Cater Allen	400	+1	26.0	7.5	...
107	61	Cattles	107	...	3.8	4.7	15.6
2250	912½	Chase Manh	2250†	+75	...	...	...
1850	537½	Citicorp	1818½	+37½	...	...	...
337	305	Close Bros	337	+2	9.5	3.8	15.0
£122	8687½	Commerzbk	£120½	...	...	3.3	...
£300½	£214	Deutsche Bk	£300½	...	...	2.1	...
81	11½	First Nat Fin	61	-16	...	0.5	58.2
1104	493	Fuji Bank Y	1025	...	21.0	6.6	...
425	230	Gerrard Nat	425	...	...	3.1	25.9
635	236	HSBC	631½	+7½	...	3.2	25.2
614	313	HSBC HK	613	+8	15.8	5.8	14.1
318	202	Hambros	318	+3	15.8	5.9	...
363	308	Joseph (L)	358	...	5.0	5.6	...
130	54	King Shaxson	119	...	10.0	5.5	-
389	212	Kleinwort Ben	389†	...	...	4.5	7.6
573	346	Lloyds	547	+7	30	5.1	15.6
79	40	Lon Scot Bk	78½	...	...	4.9	14.5
413	258	Nat Aust Bk	412	+4	...	5.3	61.3
485	251	Nat West	444†	+1	...	4.9	-
819	418	Provident	772†	+2	28.5	4.9	-
47	25	Rea Bros	46	...	0.5	1.4	...
251	137	Ryl Bk Scot	245	+6	8.8	4.8	...
1703	1043	Schroders	1703	+15	18.0	1.4	19.8
706	364	Stand Chart	702	+10	20.0	3.8	18.1
179½	115	TSB	175	+4	6.4	4.9	...
200	38	Union Disc	103	-2	13.5	...	...
635	403	Warburg SG	631	+2	18.0	3.8	18.7
216	137	-do- 6% 'A'	211†	+1	...	3.8	...
7275	3087½	Wells Fargo	7131½	+137½	...	1.5	...
183	99	Westpac	156	+2	...	5.2	-
253	188	Wintrust	208†	+7	9.3	6.0	8.0

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	526	Allied-Lyons	582	-11	20.0	4.6	13.5
656	472	Bass	584	-1	18.9	4.3	12.7
230	146	Boddington	230	+14	7.3	4.3	-
400	243	Bulmer (HP)	377	-1	9.0	3.2	17.4
159	111	Burtonwd Brw	148	...	4.4	4.0	10.8
291	194	Devenish (JA)	268	-5	7.8	3.9	-
107	68	Eldridge P 'A'	93	-3	...	4.2	-
84½	47	Fosters Brewing	65½	+½	...	4.2	...
440	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	340	...	...	2.6	14.3
518	360	Grand Met	455	-1	12.3	3.6	15.0
424½	383	Greenalls Grp	398	+1	11.7	3.9	13.2
530	405	Greene King	528	...	11.6	2.9	13.7
644	440	Guinness	444	+3	10.8	3.2	12.7
346	245	Hardy Hansn	246	-11	7.9	4.3	13.7
145	113	Heavitree	113	...	3.0	3.6	-
105	78	-do- 'A' LV	78	...	...	5.2	10.9
306	191	Highland Dist	266	+2	6.0	3.0	17.7
48	21	Hoskins Brew	40	...	...	...	28.8
335	250	Invrgordn Dis	273	+8	6.5	3.2	15.4
220	151	Macallan-Glen	173	...	0.7	0.6	34.9
620	380	Marstn Thmp 'A'	435	...	8.8	2.7	13.7
720	515	Mansfield	702	...	13.6	2.6	15.1
260	166	Merston Thmp	240	...	4.9	2.7	14.1
477	394	Matthew Clark	425	...	15.7	4.9	12.7
351	195	Merrydown W	270	+2	...	3.1	19.5
493	320	Morland	485	...	8.4	2.3	19.3
10½	5½	Paramount	9½	+½	...	2.1	16.8
1020	865	SA Breweries	920	-28	...	2.9	-
492	330	Scot & New	444	+2	16.1	4.8	12.1
200	145	Taunton Cider	185	-2	...	3.4	17.3
241	148	Vaux Group	222	...	9.3	5.6	15.5
252	165	Wetherspoon JD	252	+1	...	2.5	20.4
490	347	Whitbread 'A'	466	+2	16.9	4.8	13.1
1436	1073	-do- 'B'	1073	...	16.9	2.1	20.2
660	510	Wolvrhmptn D	587	+7	11.4	2.6	16.5
545	453	Young 'A'	510	...	14.5	3.8	22.3

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
95	50	Abbey	88	...	...	1.6	31.7
27	9	Albright	17	...	...	6.3	10.8
128	54	Allen	105	...	10.2	...	8.0
162	53	Amec	87	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	2½	Anglia Sec	9	...	4.1	3.1	22.5
192	85	Ashbnde	185†	+3	5.0	5.3	18.2
151	100	Atwoods	126	-2	...	4.7	54.2
238	123	BPB Ind	213	...	3.1	5.5	25.5
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	76	...	0.5	2.4	...
31	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	31	...	1.2	1.9	15.8
118	68	Barcom	87	-1	2.0	2.1	14.3
130	34	Barratt Devs	128	-5	11.5	4.2	21.1
383	305	Bellway	365	...	...	...	...
32	14	Bellwinch	25	...	...	...	...
370	186	Berkeley Gp	330	+10	6.0	1.8	24.5
100	45	Bett Bros	45	...	...	...	1.8
69	27	Blockleys	42	+1	3.3	...	41.7
284½	171	Blue Circle	228	-2	11.2	6.6	22.8
270	140½	Boot (Henry)	270	+5	...	2.7	14.7
108	62	Breedon PLC	92	...	4.6	6.7	17.8
135	66	Br Dredging	99	...	7.4	10.0	12.9
180	42	Brit Fittings	58	...	5.3	...	...
128	60	Bryant	128	...	4.8	5.0	27.4
80	36	CALA	60	...	2.3	5.1	...
249	16½	CRH	234	-3	...	4.0	-
46	14	Cakebread Rby	33	...	...	...	...
82	18½	Costain	27	-½	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	120	...	4.3	4.6	31.7
66	23	Crest Nicholson	57†	+3	0.0	...	-
58	14	Cussins	46	...	...	...	...
6	½	Dunton	2½	...	...	...	9.4
45	12	Edmond Hldgs	23	...	1.8	...	14.8
211	132	Epwin	190	...	...	4.9	...
54	23	Erith	32	...	2.0	...	11.2
310	220	Ere Group	310	+5	...	4.2	22.1
88	25	Evered Bardon	41	...	5.6	...	...
10	3	Explaura	4½	...	...	...	...
135	68	Freeman Gp	102	-8	4.3	...	15.5
79	39	Galliford	39	...	...	...	...
98	73	Gibbs & Dandy	75	...	12.7	2.3	10.8
605	578	Gleeson (MJ)	730	...	3.1	4.6	19.2
114	67	Hewden-Stuart	92	...	2.6	...	46.8
63	25	Heweston	47†	...	...	...	...
28	15	Hey & Croft	16#	...	12.5	8.3	18.4
388	129	Heywd Wlm	200	...	9.0	...	9.5
106	29	Higgs & Hill	62	...	2.0	...	10.7
39	23	How Gp	31	...	2.5	...	...
68	23	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.7	...
48	36	Ibstock Johnsen	56	+1	6.0	...	...
46	14½	Jarvis	18	...	0.5	...	...
43	109	Laing (J)	198	...	9.0	6.1	10.3
240	3½	Lilley	7½#	...	2.0	...	2.4
35	65	Ln Clydeside	65	-5	4.5	9.2	24.5
18	4½	Lovell (YJ)	19½	...	...	...	8.9
123	180	Manders	256	-2	7.0	3.2	20.3
148	51	Marley	109	+2	4.2	5.1	27.5
47	42	Marshalls	73	...	4.9	5.1	34.4
155	201	Maunders (J)	128	...	9.2	5.2	11.2
2.0	76	McAlpine (A)	138†	+2	6.5	6.3	...
75	19	McCarthy & S	33	...	0.5	6.1	...
433	181	Meyer Intl	326	+1	16.5	6.7	33.6
14	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	88	+1	10.5	...	...
78	18	NSM	73	...	...	...	...
166	90	Newman Tnks	128	...	...	8.3	-
327	146	Persimmon	232	+3	8.6	4.9	19.1
36	19	Phoenix Timber	28	...	...	...	...
1625	1150	Pochins	1475	...	38.0	2.7	3.0
155	66	Prowting	90	...	3.4	5.0	...
23	3½	Quiligotti	5½	+½	...	...	...
669	383	RMC Gp	618	+1	20.0	4.3	23.0
137	67	Raine Ind	100	-2	6.0	8.2	16.4
95	20	Ransom	23	...	...	...	...
565	300	Redland	476	-5	25.0	7.0	28.6
101	61	Roslel	72	...	4.3	8.0	9.6
248	152	Rugby Group	228	+4	6.4	3.8	17.2
48	25	Sandell Perkins	33	...	...	...	5.9
98	50	Sharpe & Fisher	81	...	4.0	6.6	...
143	70	Sheffield Insl	143	...	5.4	5.0	37.0
90	53	Sheriff Hldgs	89	...	...	3.8	13.3
86	53	Shorco	83	...	...	2.4	12.8
272	188	Smart (J)	220	-5	8.5	5.2	10.0
15	4½	Sturmin	5½	...	0.3	7.3	6.6
161	51	Tarmac	114	...	5.5	6.4	47.1
226	129	Tay Homes	186	...	5.8	4.2	10.3
143	39	Taylor Woodrw	87	-1	9.5	...	12.3
686	398	Tilbury Dougls	552	...	33.0	8.3	17.5
48	18	Tops Hires	24	...	...	2.3	...
228	105	Travis Perkins	185	...	8.0	5.8	26.2
58	30	Try Group	31	...	6.0	...	4.2
38	26	Tudor	28	...	...	...	...
106	45	Vibroplant	65	-1	3.6	7.4	11.9
55	12	Ward Hldgs	34	...	...	...	...
43	23	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
475	255	Watts Blake	452	-2	9.7	2.7	23.5
19	8	Westcol	13	...	...	...	...
129	45	Westbury	119	...	...	5.4	...
18	4½	West Scaffold	9½	...	...	...	...
22	2	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
481	215	Wilson Bowdn	336	-1	8.7	3.1	19.3
221	96	Wilson (C)	163	+2	3.9	3.2	25.8
189	65	Wimpey G	126	-3	...	5.1	52.3
81	25	YRM	29	...	4.0	...	3.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
615	343	ADT	595	-20	...	...	-
248	193	Adam & Harvey	223	...	11.0	6.6	3.5
127	53	Air London	85	...	...	5.5	10.5
68	34	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.7	9.3
167	81	Auto Sec	166	+5	4.9	3.9	13.5
208	80	BET Ord	92	-2	...	9.4	13.5
100	41	BNB Res	67	...	4.9	9.8	7.9
318	208	BPP	310	...	6.4	3.0	17.5
285	178	Barbour Index	275	...	7.2	3.5	20.4
30½	13	Boustead	17	...	0.7	5.5	34.8
231	111	Brit Data Mgt	190	-6	...	2.7	16.6
14	9	Broadcastle	14	...	...	...	...
101	58	Brooks Service	65	...	4.0	...	20.7
142	72	CRT Gp	97	...	2.4	3.3	11.3
484	262	Capita Group	479	-4	6.3	1.8	-
36	19	Caskey Plc	33	-½	0.5	2.0	12.6
270	25½	Colliers Capital	53½	-1½	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	27	-1	...	...	...
285	180	Chubb Sec	282	+3	...	1.3	31.2
43	18	Connex	32	...	...	...	...
31	5½	Corp Services	17½	...	...	...	...
123	48	Dart	75	...	3.3	5.9	8.5
223	145	Davis Service	221	...	7.9	4.8	16.8
115	85	EW Facts	97	...	...	5.9	7.2
57	8	Gardiner	13	...	1.3	13.3	4.0
48	20	Gartner (DG)	32	+5	...	...	...
246	163	Hays	227	...	4.6	2.7	22.2
251	167½	Hogg Robinson	198	...	6.3	4.2	14.9
143½	43	Holmes Protectn	68	...	...	...	4.0
162	98	Hunt Whstp	160	...	...	...	17.2
£114½	6837½	ISS B DKr	£107½	...	...	1.0	15.2
623½	325	Inchcape	623	+10	12.5	2.7	26.5
785	561	Johnson Clean	785	...	25.7	4.4	16.3
18½	2½	Lep	9½	...	...	...	...
244	168	Mitie Gp	224	...	2.7	1.6	18.5
1187	682	Manpower	1139	...	...	...	...
44½	32½	Michael Page	44	...	1.8	5.5	12.2
251½	88	Pensus	251	...	...	1.1	60.6
5½	2	Prime People	3½	...	...	...	...
398	68	Proudfoot Alex	106	...	19.5	25.0	2.2
453	355	RCO	410†	...	12.8	4.5	14.1
183	117	REA	117	...	4.0	4.6	...
81	48	Reed Executive	53	-1	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Sec	145	...	...	4.1	14.6
13	4	Rentaminster	4#	...	...	...	...
235	134	Rentokil	230	-4	1.6	1.0	33.8
273	180	Rolfe & Nolan	270	...	6.2	3.1	18.1
399	234	Salvesen (C)	390	...	7.0	2.4	21.6
43	25	Scott Pickfords	35	...	...	3.0	9.6
206	98	Securiguard	198	...	9.4	6.3	10.5
12	1½	Select Appts	3½	...	...	...	...
853	535	Serco Gp	853	...	14.0	2.2	-
352	132	Sherwd Cmpt	317	...	...	2.5	8.5
157	82½	Sketchley	117	+2	3.0	3.4	14.2
360	270	Warner Howard	353	...	5.9	2.2	19.9
81	40	Welpac	40	...	0.6	2.0	...
22	7	Wills Gp	21½	...	...	0.6	29.4

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	162	Allied Colloids	241	-1	3.9	2.2	19.1
731	413	Amersham	720	-4	12.5	2.3	26.7
31½	4½	Anglo Utd	4½	...	0.8	...	...
9900	7362½	BASF DM	9712½	...	...	8.1	...
266	208	BTP	264	-2	8.8	4.5	19.3
£119	9050	Bayer DM50	£114½	...	...	4.9	...
348	126	Blagden	198	...	9.5	9.2	9.9
165	115	Brent Chems	165	...	7.4	6.2	-
530	418	Br Bio-Tech	490	...	...	...	...
95	13	Caird Gp	23	-½	2.5	15.0	5.8
179	112	Canning (W)	144	-3	7.2	6.8	11.5
616	371	Courtaulds	592	-7	13.0	2.9	16.1
270½	142	Croda	257	...	7.5	3.9	19.5
211	152	Ellis & Everard	188	...	7.0	5.0	17.1
19	7	Euro Colour	19	...	0.6	4.6	...
139	43	Evode	138	...	3.5	3.5	-
281	171	Halstead (J)	280	-1	...	2.0	15.0
227	158	Hickson	224	...	7.8	4.7	14.3
£114½	7537½	Hoechst	£107½	...	...	7.3	...
1410	975	ICI	1250	+17	...	6.0	33.1
687	434	Laporte	679	-1	18.9	3.7	18.3
328	138	Leigh	203	-3	7.6	5.1	16.6
25	11	MTM	14½	...	1.8	...	2.9
1687½	1100	Norsk Hydro	1625	...	...	1.8	...
415	360	Pearson Zoch	415	...	11.4	3.7	17.9
395	305	-do- 'A'	373	...	11.4	4.1	16.1
301	231	Plysu	300	...	6.0	3.0	17.7
206	130	Porvair	200†	...	3.6	2.4	...
13	4½	Suncliffe Speak	9	-1½	...	...	...
475	329	Wardle Storeys	432	+2	16.0	4.9	17.4
445	270	Wolstnhlme R	445	...	16.3	4.9	19.6
390	245	Yorks Chem	384†	...	...	2.7	20.6
285	214	Yule Catto	285	...	5.4	2.4	17.9

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
392	63	Alexon	85	-3	...	4.7	4.6
109	23	Amber Day	53	-1	2.1	7.8	14.5
306	190	Argos Plc	280	-1	6.4	3.0	19.5
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	74	...	0.1	0.2	77.4
305	180	Asprey	298	...	...	2.2	22.8
340	180	Austin Reed	195	...	6.0	...	56.8
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	...	5.7	5.2	14.1
144	74	Bentalls	120	+1	3.8	4.3	69.7
266	86	Bestwaren	254	+4	...	0.4	35.0
114	22	Blacks Leis	35	...	3.3	...	...
371	133	Body Shop	141	+1	1.6	1.3	18.6
15½	3	Brown & Jackson	15½	...	...	...	5.2
368	260	Brown (N)	368	+5	6.0	2.2	22.8
80½	29	Burton	74	-2	...	3.7	...
320	126	Caston	142	...	2.5	...	18.9
308	245	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
163	58	Clinton Cards	155	+4	3.7	3.2	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	227	+2	7.0	4.1	26.0
163	77	Colourvision	99	...	...	...	16.7
444	300	Courts Furnish	444	...	5.0	1.5	22.3
252	100	Crown Eye	140	...	...	5.7	6.5
111	65	Dairy Farm Intl	102	-3	...	...	16.5
57	27½	Dewhirst (IJ)	56	...	0.7	1.7	18.6
286	170	Dixons Grp	223	...	6.0	3.6	26.2
495	355	Dunhill	360	...	7.7	2.9	12.5
33	12½	ERA Gp	13	...	...	...	6.0
780	400	Etys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.3	8.9
115	39½	Essex Furn	134	...	...	3.3	19.1
230	199	Etam	220	-5	6.6	4.0	19.7
558	340	Fine Art Dev	550	+2	11.0	2.7	21.1
83	26	Fired Earth Tiles	42	...	4.0	...	30.7
500	438	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
45	5	French Conns	45	+1	...	...	...
75	21	Gabicci	39	...	...	6.8	7.8
69	39	Gent SR	65	...	2.0	4.2	18.9
41	18	Goldsmiths Gp	37	-1	1.8	...	...
2600	1800	GUS	2600	...	40.0	2.1	20.7
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1495	...	40.0	3.1	13.5
75	30	Hampden Grp	35	...	...	7.6	5.0
283	123	Harrisons	149	...	4.8	4.4	9.1
35	16½	Helene Plc	24	...	2.0	11.2	10.5
41	18	Heritage	40	...	...	...	...
58	25	Honeysuckle	55†	...	...	2.4	7.8
168	130	Hse of Lerose	137	...	10.3	10.0	20.8
195	40	Jacques Vert	65	-1	2.0	...	...
582	398	Kingfisher	520	-14	...	3.5	15.9
74	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	71†	...	4.0	7.5	-
685	405	Liberty	658	...	7.2	1.5	44.8
373	162	Lloyds Chem	280	+5	5.5	2.6	11.0
152	90½	MFI	136	+2	...	3.7	18.1
348	268	Marks Spencer	336	-4	7.1	2.8	20.4
490	319	Menzies (John)	449	+1	10.0	2.8	15.6
140	110	Moss Bros	130	+3	5.0	4.8	26.8
155½	57	Next	148	+1½	0.7	0.7	29.2
45	15	Oliver (G)	19	...	1.0	...	...
250	110	Oriflame Intl	230	...	...	3.2	15.0
143	45	Pentos	52	+1½	1.5	3.9	-
278	202	QS Hldgs	18	...	4.7	2.3	20.9
29	7	Ramesr Group	18	+1	2.4	17.8	...
35	10	Rhino Grp	31½	...	...	...	...
189	110	Sherwood Gp	180	...	...	1.9	15.4
113	54	Sears	101	+1	...	4.6	27.7
522	357	Smith WH 'A'	438	-5	13.4	4.2	15.1
29	4½	Specialeyes	8	...	...	...	...
219	87	Storehouse	186	...	5.0	3.6	...
256	153	T & S Stores	192	-9	5.5	4.5	10.5
107	27	Tie Rack	107	...	0.5	0.6	...
198	132	Time Products	196	+4	7.5	5.1	19.2
98	47	Usher (Frank)	97†	-1	...	6.9	7.7
45	23	Viner	43	...	1.0	3.2	-
68	26	Wensum	40	...	...	...	7.1
104	53	Wickes	98	+3	...	...	68.2
70	28	Wid of Leathers	58	...	...	3.1	17.8
205	102½	Wyevale	160	...	...	...	3.0
7	2½	Xtra-vision	3	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	45	AB Elect	67	+1	...	...	...
197	128	ACT Group	173	+4	4.5	3.5	17.0
238	205	Acatos	238	...	...	3.3	19.9
162½	6	Acorn Compts	125	-2	...	...	...
480	299	Admiral	454	...	5.4	1.6	-
133	94	Alba	120	...	4.7	5.3	15.6
75	7	Alphameric	30	...	...	...	...
44	19	Amstrad	27†	...	0.4	...	...
141	83	App Holo	106	-5	...	...	...
22	12	Arden	14	...	...	...	...
48	12	Assoc.	44½	...	...	...	...
292	218	Beales Hunter	268	+1	9.2	4.6	14.1
20	1½	Bennett & Fountn	6	...	...	...	...
378	207	BICC	373	+7	...	7.1	28.7
375	314	Blick	525†	...	9.2	2.3	20.4
4575	1150	Borlandia	1525	+25	...	...	...
283	208	Bowthorpe	287	...	6.0	2.8	19.6
435	305	BT	429	-5½	14.4	4.5	16.0
9	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	8½	...	0.1	1.6	...
226	80	Burndept	133	...	5.7	5.0	...
780	480	Cable Wireless	731	-12	13.2	2.4	22.6
14½	9½	Chloride	14½	...	...	...	...
104	62	Clarke T	82	...	6.5	10.8	11.8
303	205	CML Micro	291	...	...	2.4	16.5
116	62	Comptr People	89	-1	5.4	...	11.5
151	25½	Cray Elect	132	...	...	0.5	10.8
308	231	Crichley	308	...	...	2.6	21.8
506	333	Delta	444	+1	14.0	4.2	17.5
298	148	Denmans Ele	297	...	...	2.7	...
615	375	Domino	614	...	7.2	1.6	21.0
68	43	Dowding Mills	57	...	2.5	5.8	18.7
1015	730	Druck	978	...	...	1.3	23.8
350	273	Electrocomponts	393	+1	7.0	2.4	21.3
545	286	El Data Prc	493†	...	5.1	1.4	13.5
73	33	Electron House	97	...	2.3	4.7	20.4
25½	7	Emess	19	...	...	...	...
550	392	Eurotherm	532	+2	8.0	2.0	34.2
128	51	FKI	127	+1	2.3	2.4	24.8
387	227	Farnell Elect	368	...	5.8	2.1	19.0
40	18	Feedback	35	...	...	...	...
19½	3½	Ferranti	13	...	...	...	...
143	30	First Tech	143	...	...	...	...
151	71	Forward Gp	151	+1	...	2.2	19.2
29½	10	Forward Tech	17½	...	...	...	...
310½	183	GEC	309	+2	9.6	4.1	16.4
227	102	Gresely	166	...	10.9	8.7	14.6
57	38	Hitchall	39	...	...	1.7	12.7
457	305	Hunting Gp	456	...	2.4	0.7	-
135	65	ISTEMS	110	+1	...	3.6	...
358	140	Jones Stroud	358	...	8.0	3.0	15.6
21	8	Kembury	9	...	0.1	6.3	3.1
319	47	Kewill Sys	76	...	...	...	7.8
167	92	Kode	150	...	...	3.6	19.8
46	8	Laser-Scan	33	-2	...	...	...
264	49½	LBMS	235	+2	...	...	...
315	240	Lee Refrig	285	...	14.5	6.8	21.6
179	125	Life Sciences	174	+2	3.5	2.8	-
232	130	Logica	185	+7	3.6	2.6	26.6
56	45	LPA Ind	47	...	...	10.0	13.3
212	150	MR Data Mngmt	205	+2	4.3	2.8	19.6
658	371	Macro 4	658	...	...	2.6	21.9
604½	301	Meggitt Sw	586†	...	...	2.0	19.2
3015	1453	Micro Focus	2340	...	...	...	21.8
227	130	Microgen	226	...	7.2	4.3	-
35	13	Microvitec	30½	...	...	...	...
514	201	Misys	487	-11	6.1	1.7	22.2
147	40	Mitel	111	...	...	...	...
138	78	MMT Compu	135	-1	...	3.5	17.1
92	25	Molynx	25	...	4.0	21.3	2.4
373	202	MTL Inst	258	-14	...	1.9	-
165	62	Mulchone Elect	143	...	3.0	2.8	17.5
145	71	Murray Ester	143	+1	1.8	1.6	-
6412½	3962½	NYNEX	6350	+75	...	...	...
188	115	Nashmines	183	...	2.6	1.9	23.6
63	32	Newmark (L)	47	...	...	...	...
90	33	Norbain	80	...	...	1.7	12.0
50	20	Northamber	41	...	0.5	1.6	...
17½	9	Oceonics	11	...	...	...	7.1
254	165	Oxford Inst	221	...	4.3	2.6	14.0
127	46	P-E Intern'l	67	...	6.2	...	...
68	16	P & P	57	+3	1.4	3.3	29.9
75	42	Peek	75	+1	3.4	6.0	22.2
190	85	Pegasus	179	...	...	4.8	-
9000	7000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1187½	625	-do- Lmp nv	800	...	...	...	...
452	310	Pilco	435	-1	7.7	2.4	36.8
432	280	-do- 'A' Voting	415	-1	7.7	2.5	35.1
95	48	Plessey	93	...	...	3.6	11.9
104	65	Pressac	95	...	2.4	3.4	16.5
220	65	Psion	111	...	...	2.9	...
11	2	Quantigan	8	...	...	...	...
206	129	Racal Elect	205	+15	1.5	1.0	24.3
46	26	Radamec	46	...	0.5	1.4	27.0
70	35	Radius	69	+5	...	5.4	-
118	61	Real Time	64	...	...	6.3	5.8
29	10	Riva	26	...	...	...	...
552	328	Sage Gp	552	+1	9.0	2.2	17.7
66	44	Scantronic	65	...	2.9	6.1	20.5
142	92	Scholes Grp	135	...	5.0	4.9	26.5
340	179	Sema Gp	292	+21	2.8	1.3	-
45	31	Silverlines	37	...	...	7.8	...
50	29	Soundtracs	40	...	...	7.3	13.5
2012½	1275	TDK	1775	...	...	1.6	18.7
8	3	TDS Circuits	6	...	...	...	...
127	30	Telemetrix	114	+3	8.6	0.7	39.8
888	633	THORN EMI	873	+2	30.1	4.6	22.5
111	88	Thorpe FW	110	...	2.5	3.0	11.3
103	33	Total Systems	85	...	2.2	3.5	15.2
429	190	Tunstall	419	-1	6.0	1.9	18.8
240	123	Unitech	223	...	5.8	3.5	39.0
24½	8½	Verity	8½	...	...	...	...
27½	13	Vistec	27½	+½	...	1.5	23.4
434	285	Vodafone	411	...	...	1.9	20.2
441	249½	Volex	398	...	...	5.7	20.2
17	10	Western Selecn	17	...	...	...	...
287	153	Wholesale Ftgs	274	-1	11.7	7.0	21.3

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
457	273	East Midlands	457	+4	17.1	5.0	8.8
470½	266	Eastern Elect	468	...	16.7	4.8	11.6
263	143	Hydro-Elect	253	+4	10.1	4.2	11.5
469	288	London Elect	467	+1	16.8	4.8	9.0
531	324	Manweb	530	+3	18.2	4.6	7.6
499	287	Midlands Elec	496	+3	17.2	4.6	10.4
521	295	Northern Elec	521	+4	18.5	4.7	7.7
515	288	Norweb	514	+1	17.7	4.6	9.7
247	142	Scottish Power	236	-3½	10.1	4.4	11.4
509	297	Seeboard	504	...	17.2	4.6	9.1
545	313	Sth Wales	543	+2	19.4	4.8	8.6
494	280	Sth Western	489	...	17.4	4.7	8.8
474	270	Southern Elec	470	-1	16.6	4.7	9.3
522	331	Yorkshire Elec	520	...	17.7	4.6	9.7
320	188	National Powr	318	+1	9.1	3.8	10.5
329½	196	PowerGen	322	+1	9.2	3.8	10.8

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Hume	53	...	0.5	...	33.9
69	37½	BWD	65	+2	...	6.4	-
124	25	Baltic Plc	48	...	1.0	2.8	-
453	399	Caledonia	436	...	14.4	4.4	16.7
1950	1050	Camellia	1400	...	27.0	2.6	11.8
290	203	Candover	268	...	9.5	5.1	20.5
91	48	Flextech	83	...	...	...	8.2
225	103	Govett	224	+1	...	6.2	6.5
135	97	Ivory Sime	133	...	...	6.3	14.1
6½	3½	LIT	4½	...	...	...	...
165	7½	Lightship	12#	...	...	...	0.6
180	110	Lon Forfaitnge	175	...	...	6.6	-
84	14	Manakin	76	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	Nat Home Loan	10	...	...	...	...
47	24	Newmarket	45	...	...	...	...
260	179	Rathbone Bros	250	...	...	2.7	17.7
19½	9½	Rutland Trt	18	...	0.8	5.9	10.2
330	120	S & U	280	...	...	3.9	10.1
65	34	Singer & Fried	61	...	2.5	5.3	13.8
938	575	Sothebys	900	...	...	4.6	...
99	73	SIP Capital	98	...	3.0	4.1	17.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1775	1043½	Amer Express	1712½	+25	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	230	+2	6.7	3.9	31.4
973	535	Henderson Ad	945	+2	41.0	5.8	20.8
115	50	Invesco MIM	115	...	...	3.5	16.9
223	121	Jardine Strat	215	...	...	3.4	9.6
194	100½	MAI	188	-1	6.0	4.3	13.7
469	244	MAM	441	+2	11.5	3.5	17.6
756	460	M & G	756	+2	20.0	3.5	20.1
149	81	Smith New Crt	149	+2	4.5	4.0	5.9
98	57	Sterling Tst	97#	...	...	...	8.5
78	35	Trio Hldgs	67	-1	...	6.0	...

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	AB Food	507	-1	14.0	3.7	11.6
66	21½	ASDA Group	64½	-½	...	3.3	20.7
225	75	Acatos & Hutch	223	...	6.5	3.9	12.9
83	31	Albert Fisher	70½	+2½	3.7	7.1	11.7
432	273	Argyll	368	-2	9.7	3.5	14.5
51	11	Ashley Group	21	...	0.7	4.8	...
147	103	Assoc Fisheries	134	...	7.0	7.0	24.7
200	143	Banks (S Q)	200†	...	8.2	5.5	10.0
346	200	Barr (AG)	345	...	6.5	2.5	-
117	74	Bensons Crisps	93	...	...	4.1	9.9
137½	30	Berisford Intl	128	...	...	...	...
490	312	Booker	443	+9	21.7	6.5	13.5
44	28	Borthwick	37½	+½	1.1	3.9	26.2
474	334	Brake Bros	431	...	5.7	1.8	18.0
51	31	Budgen	45	...	...	...	15.3
499	412	Cadbury-Schw	490	-3	12.5	3.4	18.0
107	64	Carrs Milling	84	...	3.9	6.2	16.8
256	105	Clifford Fd 'A'	236	...	11.5	6.0	12.1
186	140	Cranswick	183	...	...	5.5	13.6
23	8	Cullens	19½	...	0.5	3.4	10.5
435	250	Dalepak	294	...	6.0	2.7	13.3
491	352	Dalgety	473	+4	19.5	5.6	13.5
54	27	Daniels S	35	...	0.2	1.0	38.2
132½	93½	Everest	127	+2	...	3.7	13.2
295	234	Fitzwilton	288	...	...	2.3	20.4
16	3	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
92	53	Finlay (James)	80	-3	4.1	6.9	15.0
95	68	Fyffes	88	...	...	1.8	12.0
456	249	Geest	456	+8	7.9	2.3	17.3
12	5	Global	11	-½	...	6.1	10.1
48	34	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.6	...
180	81	Hazlewood Fds	178	-1	6.1	4.6	10.8
61	68	Hillsdown	159	...	8.8	7.4	9.5
61	27	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
698	412	Iceland Frozen	698	+5	8.5	1.6	18.7
142	103	JIJ Group	125	...	4.5	4.8	18.0
853	514	Kwik Save	834	...	16.0	2.6	17.4
289½	109	Low (Wm)	246	+3	8.4	4.6	11.9
74	29	Matthews (B)	58	+1	4.5	...	10.6
33	9	Merchant Retail	15½	...	1.1	10.0	37.0
177	83½	Morrison (W)	169	+3	...	0.5	26.5
538	318	Nichols (JN)	333	+5	12.3	3.1	15.2
317½	215	Nthn Foods	277	-3	...	3.8	15.3
48	11	Nrthmbrn Fine	19	...	...	...	7.9
196	132	Nurdin Peack	196	-11	5.5	3.8	13.3
236	78½	Park Foods	236	...	3.2	1.8	28.2
155	45	Perkins Food	96	+4	4.3	6.0	8.4
68½	21	PizzaExpress	78	+1	...	0.9	44.8
301	130	RHM	275	...	...	6.7	14.0
3½	1½	Regina Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
584	337	Sainsbury J	523	-1	8.7	2.2	19.5
61	33	Sentry Farm	45	+5	...	3.0	10.5
340	175	Sims Food	215	-5	11.2	7.0	11.6
443	285	Tate & Lyle	431	-2	12.0	3.7	15.9
286	194½	Tesco	245	-2	6.3	3.4	11.6
211	152	Thorntons	210	...	3.6	2.3	19.6
163	83	Trenta	160†	...	...	3.0	18.3
373	192	Unigate	370	-1	15.3	5.5	13.2
440	222	Utd Biscuits	379	...	15.3	5.4	13.2
25	12	Uxborne	22	...	0.4	2.4	13.5
357	205	Watson & Phil	313	...	13.3	5.7	16.3

HOTELS, CATERERS

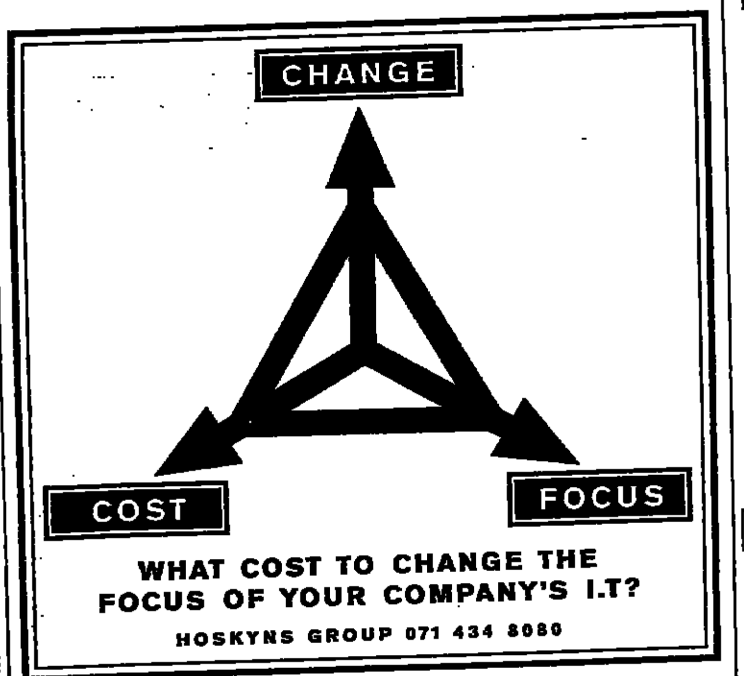
High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Abstn Sth H	16	-1	1.4	2.3	23.8
89	52	City Centre Rest	85	-1	9.9	0.7	...
262	112	Forte	188	...	5.5	4.2	13.9
240	94	Friendly Hotels	173	...	...	...	...
12	5	Harmony Leis	8	...	...	7.0	10.2
114	87	Jurys Hotel	87	...	...	7.7	25.4
267	126	Ladbroke	199	-1	...	5.0	18.1
73	37½	Mandarin Orntl	69	-2	...	6.0	8.0
92	26	Queens Moat	51	-1	2.8	7.5	6.8
118	51½	-do- 7½% cnpr	93†	+½	7.5	10.8	...
7½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
89½	16	Resort Hotels	46	...	3.4	10.0	9.0
750	420	Savoy Hotel 'A'	713	...	7.0	1.3	...
68	23	Stakis	46†	-2	...	1.3	...

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
224	135	AAF Inds	222	...	...	4.5	11.7
616	460	AAH	327	-1	16.3	4.1	14.7
209	122	AIM	147	...	6.5	5.9	9.1
136	76	APV	120	-½	5.4	6.0	21.7
182	50	ASW	182	+1	6.0	4.5	...
152	86	Adwest	152	...	7.0	6.1	21.6
33	5	Aerospace Eng	13½	+1½	1.0	...	8.2
468	253	Airsprung	460	-3	7.5	2.2	12.8
153	38	Alenda W	132	...	3.6	3.6	71.4
22	8½	Allied Radio	8½	...	...	...	...
507	358	Alumasc	507†	+2	11.0	2.9	15.5
62	9	Alvis	33	+2	1.0	4.0	6.8
420	308	Amber Ind	420	...	17.0	5.4	11.3
38	13	Amberley Gp	31	+1	...	4.3	...
160	125	Andrews Sykes	145	...	4.4	4.0	...
893	503	Antofagasta	823	-7	...	2.3	20.1
50½	29	Armour	44	...	1.4	4.5	12.9
170	123	Ash & Lacy	170	...	6.4	5.0	14.0
3½	1½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	2.1	...
555	300	Avon Rubber	554	...	16.5	4.0	-
195	103	Assoc Nursgs	190	...	...	...	7.3
680	445	Atlas Equip	680	...	...	4.1	14.0
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	48	...	...	...	...
173	107	BBA	163	-1	7.5	6.1	21.0
53	24	BLP Group	28	...	...	...	...
437	49	BM Gp	63	-2	5.0	10.6	2.7
774	583	BOC	747	+1	23.2	4.1	16.4
76	51½	BSG	73	+½	3.2	5.8	19.8
422	296	BSS Group	409	...	...	3.4	16.3
584	381	BTR	578	-5	16.5	3.8	20.3
221	115	BWI	219	...	6.7	4.1	24.1
70	26½	Babcock	38	+1	3.1	...	7.9
7½	3½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
270	193	Baird (Wm)	269	+4	8.9	4.4	17.3
1037½	550	Barlow Rand	662½	-18½	...	5.7	3.4
45	7	Barrett (H)	7#	...	2.0	...	16.2
83	37	Baynes (Charles)	60	-1	1.3	3.0	19.2
35	5	Beaufort	7	-1	1.8	...	...
18	5	Beckenham	7½	...	...	8.9	...
31	10	Bedford (W)	27	...	...	...	...
27½	13	Benson Group	25†	...	0.1	0.5	23.1
687	444	Bespak	687	...	9.0	1.7	21.4
181	109	Bibby (J)	127	...	0.7	10.8	7.1
230	84	Billam (J)	224	-2	5.0	3.0	-
55	28	Bilston Britsns	28	-4	...	...	...
77½	3½	Bimec Ind	11	-½	0.6	...	...
43	20	Black Arrow	37	...	2.1	7.6	6.8
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
180	103	Black (Peter)	173	...	2.9	2.3	17.7
185	32	Bluebird Toys	175	+6	...	...	...
539	363	Bodycote	526	...	9.2	2.3	18.6
571	308	Boots	505	-6	12.4	3.3	15.0
84	40	Booth Inds	46	...	3.2	9.3	4.8
517	298	Bowater	514	-2	...	3.0	23.5
1682	905	Bowater Inc	1542†	-5	...	...	...
229	126	Boxmore Intl	227	...	...	2.0	22.9
30	13	Brasway	14½	...	0.5	5.3	18.7
274	186	Brammer	256	+7	13.0	6.8	17.6
33	11	Bridgend Gp	15	...	1.2	...	0.8
103	34	Bridon	88	+1	4.0	...	...
82	38	Bridport-Gndry	65	...	4.1	8.4	12.2
40	23	Brierley Inv	37	-2	...	8.8	9.2
543	298	Br Bldg & Eng	398	...	...	...	...
47	38	Br Bloodstock	42	...	...	...	...
488	348	Br Polymerne	488	...	9.0	2.5	14.8
88½	43½	Br Steel	86½	+1	...	1.3	...
120	88	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.3	33.6
14½	9	Br Thornton	12	-1½	...	2.8	...
294	212	Br Vita	255	-1	...	3.7	16.8
13	5½	Britton Grp	11½	-½	...	...	...
719	429	Broken Hill	691	-3	...	2.6	32.8
128½	67	Bromsgrve Ind	104	...	4.0	5.1	14.5
15	3	Brooke Tool	8	...	...	...	...
83	38	Brown & Tawse	52	-1	4.2	...	...
174	63	Bullough	104	...	6.0	7.6	17.3
37	13	Business Tech	21	...	...	...	25.3
35	12	CI Group	22	...	2.0	12.4	4.6
66	14	Campbell & Arm	24	...	2.0	...	...
30	2	Cannon St	12	-½	3.3	...	...
238	161	Cape	238	...	10.5	5.9	15.2
202	130	Carclo Eng	201	...	7.8	5.2	16.9
2825	1675	Carnaud MH	2825	+157	...	3.2	8.8
80	55	Cassidy Bros	72	...	...	4.4	8.0
195	118	Castings	158	...	4.0	3.4	11.3
140	90	Chamberlin Hill	130	...	6.0	6.2	7.8
707	467	Charter Cons	651	+2	21.5	4.4	15.6
270	176	Chemring	254	...	...	4.3	15.5
120	74	Chieftain Gp	74	...	...	8.5	8.2
39	18	Chillington	34	-1	0.5	2.8	...
170	90	Christies Intl	156	...	3.3	...	...
53	33	Clayhithe	48	...	2.5	6.9	...
140	80	Clayton Son	85	...	3.0	4.7	...
7		Co Designers	7#	...	0.2	...	...
400	255	Cohen (A)	375	...	10.0	...	...
247	188	Community H	203	...	6.5	4.3	12.6
236	136	Concentric	235	...	...	3.2	18.8
335	88	Cook (Wm)	174	+7	10.0	...	11.6
213	103	Cookson	213	+2	6.0	3.8	29.6
60	35	Copymore	45	...	...	8.0	8.8
240	176	Cornwell Pkr 'A'	211	...	5.7	3.6	15.9
178	118	Cosalt	169	...	10.7	8.5	25.7
250	180	Creighton Nt	210	...	...	4.4	15.2
35	20	CrestaCare	35	+2	0.7	2.7	22.6
3656½	1450½	Dana	3200†	+10½	...	...	...
678	168	Danka Bs Sys	678	+3	3.7	0.7	20.9
14	5	Davies (DP)	14	...	...	...	...
707	474	De La Rue	676	-4	15.0	3.0	20.7
25	10	Dinkie Heel	23	...	0.9	5.5	11.0
444	263	Diploma	427	-1	9.7	3.0	22.2
88	43	Dobson Park	61	...	5.7	12.6	11.0
101	90	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.9	13.9
66	54	-do- 'A'	65	...	5.0	10.3	9.3
18	8	EFG	17	...	...	...	...
430	355	EIS	408	...	11.7	3.8	15.2
29	9½	EIT Gp	9½#	...	...	...	...
26	16	Elbief	24	+2	...	...	...
57	23	Eleco	23	...	3.3	...	13.5
2200	1550	Electrolux 'B'	2062½	...	...	2.0	-
480	45	Elliott (B)	84	...	...	...	...
603	330	Eng China Cl	459	+2	20.0	5.8	15.8
2200	900	Ericsson 'B'	2162½	...	...	1.5	...
91	48	Erskine Hse	48	-1	6.6	16.5	5.0
101	29	Eurocopy	40	...	1.6	5.3	15.5
158	29	Expamet	60	-1	10.3	...	7.1
579	302	Fairey Group	579	+1	9.0	2.1	19.2
108	61	Fenner	98	...	4.2	6.4	16.4
61	18	Ferraris Group	54	...	...	2.5	12.5
1½		Ferromet	1½	...	...	...	...
51	19	Ferrum	28	...	2.5	11.9	7.6
31	33	Fife Indmar	33	...	4.9	...	4.4
403	143	Fisons	215	-4	...	3.5	22.5
61	28	Flowdon	33	...	...	15.3	...
255	200	Flogas	240†	...	...	4.2	9.9
56	39	Folkes Group nv	42	...	2.3	7.5	8.5
74	42	French (Thomas)	68	...	3.6	7.1	34.1
198½	96	Frost Group	197†	+2	...	0.5	38.1
115	63	GEI Intl	82	...	7.3	11.9	16.9
482	281	GKN	477	+1	20.5	5.7	30.5
93	40	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	6.0	...
130	84	Garton Eng	84	...	7.0	...	...
162	93	Gestetner	132†	-5	8.2	8.3	5.8
58	21	Gieves	27	...	...	...	19.5
943	632	Glaxo	668†	-10	17.0	3.4	18.4
24	14	Glenchewton	24	...	...	...	...
289	183	Glynwed	289	+7	11.6	5.4	28.4
97	63	Goode Durrant	85	...	5.4	8.5	18.0
199	79	Grampian Hld	118	+9	5.5	6.2	15.3
400	192	Granada	381	-7	7.7	2.7	20.3
325	245	Great Storm	325	...	...	4.1	14.0
125	75	Green (Ernst)	82	...	...	11.4	11.3
11	6	Greenacre	8	...	...	3.3	10.7
20	6	Guardian Grp	11	...	...	...	...
125½	23	Haden MacLn	42	+½	8.0	...	6.7
83	43	Hadleigh Inds	74	...	...	...	...
169	97	Hall Eng	147	+2	8.6	7.8	13.2
254	148	Halma	253	+1	2.2	1.2	31.3
55	29	Hampson Ind	38	...	1.3	...	10.3
269½	184½	Hanson	252½†	...	...	6.0	12.9
241	138	Harris (Philip)	239	...	6.2	3.5	16.6
175	104	Harrison Crsfd	174	-1	9.0	6.9	30.0
99	32	Havelock Euro	46	...	1.5	...	...
4½	1	Hawthorn Lse	2½	...	...	...	...
51	17	Hay (Norman)	41	...	1.1	...	...
28	15	Headway	23	...	0.7	4.1	12.1
437	211	Hepworth	338	-3	14.8	5.9	13.4
190	116	Hewitt (J)	181	-1	3.0	2.2	-
283	15	High-Point	15	...	1.3	11.6	...
147	80	Hill & Smith	128	...	6.0	6.3	16.7
10	3	Hobson	8½	...	...	...	...
104	69	Holders Tech	104	...	...	7.8	14.0
80	24	Hopkinsons	38	...	3.7	...	...
232	138	Hornby	143	...	...	8.4	11.2
33	8½	Hospital Crp	11	...	...	9.7	3.0
69½	30½	Howden	63†	...	...	4.6	9.7
233	149	Hunting	233	+1	10.0	5.7	18.1
950	285	Huntigh Tech	838	...	...	0.7	30.9
306	230	IMI	273	+2	10.0	4.9	18.9
96	49	ISA Intl	96	...	1.3	1.9	18.5
205	127	Intercare Gp	199	...	...	1.7	21.0
266	175	Inmot	245	...	3.9	2.2	15.6
498	259	Jardine Math	481	-8	...	2.4	13.9
537	317	Jardine Stra	469	+1	9.6	2.7	19.5
73	44½	Johnson & FB	54	...	3.0	7.4	16.7
207	109	Johnson	109	-2	...	...	51.3
62	14	Jones Shipman	25	+1	9.0	...	...
35	19	Jourdan (T)	19	...	1.5	10.5	...
49	26	Kalamazoo	37	...	...	...	30.5
151	73	Kalon	151	+½	3.2	2.9	-
458	253	Kelsey Ind	288	...	13.0	6.0	...
550	450	Kenshaw (A)	525†	...	27.0	6.9	27.2
108	44	Klemesst	95	...	...	...	...
90	30	LCW	90	...	...	1.7	31.3
343	229	Laird	225	...	...	4.9	13.3
136	65	Lee (Arthur)	125	...	5.9	6.3	53.1
135	86	Lilleshall	135	...	4.2	4.3	-
126	71	Lincat	126	...	...	5.4	17.9
15	3	Lincoln Hse	14	...	...	...	11.5
128	61	Linread	102	...	...	...	14.4
193	120	Linton Park	185	...	3.5	...	...
36	10½	Linpheart	13½	...	13.0	9.4	32.4
19½	10	Locker (T) A	18	...	0.3	3.0	14.0
316	157½	Lon Intl	227	...	1.0	7.4	56.7
180	57	Lonrho	87	...	9.4	5.6	15.4
328	218	Low & Bonar	328	...	...	6.1	...
325	200	MB-Caradon	325	+3	9.1	3.8	-
160	108½	-do- pf	160	+4	8.5	3.5	25.5
49	12	ML Hldgs	19	+1	7.2	6.0	...
39	19	MS Intl	34	...	1.8	...	16.3
31	17	MY Holdings	48	...	2.5	9.8	47.5
265	171	Macfarlane	204	...	...	2.8	14.6
409	270	McKechnie	409	+9	14.7	4.8	21.3
119	72	McLeod Russel	100	+1	6.0	8.0	12.2
12½	6½	Maddox	8½	...	...	...	...
93	55	Magnolia	69	...	5.4	...	48.5
98	66	Mang Bronze	75	...	1.0	1.8	...
74½	15	Marling	24	...	0.3	...	...
174	87	Mayborn	108	-6	...	3.3	14.4
51	29	Mayflower	47	...	...	1.1	23.2
301	150	Medeva	212	-1	1.5	0.9	21.0
108	66	Meggitt	94½	-1	3.6	5.1	14.1
123	90	Metalrax	116	...	...	4.1	15.3
137	68	Mersec	75	...	...	0.7	...
59	27	Midlands	58	-1	...	6.9	9.4
22½	14	Mining & Ald	17½	...	0.5	3.8	...
455	295	Molins	455	+20	12.7	3.7	12.1
345	229	Morgan Cole	324	-2	12.6	5.2	15.9
145	79	Morris Ashby	134	...	...	4.7	11.7
31	14	Neepcend	25	-1	1.5	...	...
75	34	Nestor-BNA	47	...	3.1	8.9	7.7
138	68	Nobo Gp	136	-1	3.5	3.4	16.6
164	62	Norcros	140	-2	7.0	6.7	24.0
81	26	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
485	310	Nu-Swift	311	...	...	8.6	8.6
53	31	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.2	...
49	10	OMI Intl	31	...	1.7	7.5	...
155	133	PCT	133	...	...	7.0	12.1
51	47	Pacer Systems	48	...	...	7.9	...
147	94	Pentland	120	-1	3.2	3.5	17.2
380	260	Photo-Me	378	...	4.4	1.6	19.3
169	67	Pilkington	109	-2	6.0	7.3	39.7
34	19	Platon	27	...	...	...	...
79	35	Planehook	78	...	...	5.1	11.4
147	98	Polypipe	147	...	1.9	1.8	22.0
504	395	Portals	495	-1	13.8	3.7	16.1
65	18	Porter Chadbrn	28†	...	2.5	11.9	6.9
14	1½	Porth Gp	7½	...	...	...	...
363	204	Powerscreen	356	-1	6.0	2.2	20.1
21	14½	Prospect Inds	19½	...	0.7	5.1	9.8
49	16½	RPS Group	42	...	...	...	14.0
100	70	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
149	31	Ramco Oil	145	...	...	1.3	...
772	444	Rank Org	680†	-6	31.0	6.0	18.8
39	6	Ransomes	26	+1	...	...	...
709	523	Reckitt Colm	617	-4	15.1	3.3	14.6
100	40	Record	70	+2	3.6	6.9	13.5
9	2	Reece	3½	...	...	...	13.1
169	108	Relyon	169	...	4.9	3.9	22.0
313	268	Renishaw	280	-1	6.5	3.1	21.2
66	44	Renold	57	...	1.0	2.3	...
1436	482	Reuters	1390	-14	...	2.1	23.1
77	32½	Rexmore	27½	...	1.7	8.5	6.8
119	56	Ricardo Group	119	...	5.7	6.4	30.6
82	50	Richards (Leics)	61	...	4.4	9.6	6.1
69	42	Richardson West	63	...	2.9	6.1	15.1
150	97	Rotaprint	126	...	8.2	8.7	9.0
127	95	-do- 'A'	117	...	8.2	9.4	8.4
47½	29	Rossi Gp	34	...	0.4	1.8	18.5
446	298	Rotork	446	-1	10.0	3.0	20.6
135	65	Rubber	122	...	...	1.6	...
100	54	Russell (A)	54	...	2.1	5.3	28.5
21	14	SEP Ind	19	...	0.6	4.6	-
2200	612½	SLF 'B'	712½	...	...	5.9	...
272	107	Sanderson Elec	252	...	9.0	4.8	10.7
56	12	Savage	49	...	...	0.7	64.2
47	20	Savile Grdn (J)	41†	-1	2.2	7.2	16.2
366	158	Scapa	240	...	5.3	2.9	20.0
265	188	Scholl	213	-7	6.0	3.8	15.3
	2	Scot Heritable	5½	...	...	...	...
990	698	Securicor	973	+3	2.6	0.4	-
669	482	-do- 'A'	630	+4	2.6	0.6	-
565	362	Security Serv	528	-6	5.0	1.3	-
62	55	Senior Eng	62	...	3.1	4.6	15.2
351	257½	Seton Health	333	...	...	2.0	21.4
72	42	Sheldon Jones	45	...	...	...	...
146	83	Shiloh	88	...	2.7	4.2	23.8
361	223	Sidlaw	330	...	10.0	4.0	15.3
500	359½	Siebe	488	-3	...	1.5	20.5
206	185	Silentnight	206	+3	8.0	3.6	16.4
121	68	Simon Darby	116	...	...	3.8	14.3
304	69	Simon Eng	116	...	15.7	18.0	15.3
290	196	Sinclair (Wm)	258	...	7.0	3.6	16.5
53	22	Six Hundred	47	...	2.5	7.1	...
171	127	Smith & Neph	154½	-1½	4.4	3.8	18.4
560	396½	Smithkline	454†	-5	...	2.5	17.8
396	352	Smithkline Uts	395†	-5	...	3.4	15.5
394	255	Smiths Ind	358	-3	11.2	4.2	14.6
140	79	Sohn Bros	84	+4	3.3	5.4	7.9
352	285	Spandex	315	...	...	2.5	16.0
420	250	Spear (JW)	410	...	10.0	3.3	12.6
348	231	Spirax-Sarco	345	...	9.0	3.5	20.6
181	83½	Spring Ram	133	-1	0.2	0.3	17.5
223	158	Staveley	250	...	8.2	4.4	14.2
147	102	Sterling Ind	167	...	5.6	5.1	18.4
17½	13	Stonehill	13½	...	...	...	...
148	73	Suter	144	-1	8.8	8.1	13.8
319	190	Swire Pacific 'A'	312	-3	...	2.4	22.9
39	5	Sycamore	6	...	...	...	...
300	232	Syltone	255	+3	9.4	4.9	11.7
198	98	T & N	185	-5	10.6	7.8	35.0
372	23	TI	295	+1	10.2	4.6	15.9
35	10	TLS Range	14	...	...	4.8	...
275	197	TT Group	268	-7	...	3.0	17.4
269	170	Talbex	236	+1	1.5	0.8	23.4
771	405	Takeda Chem	771	...	...	0.6	20.5
44½	39	Tex Hldgs	31	...	...	...	...
79	53	Tinsley (E)	77	...	...	9.0	9.0
325	85	Timms	199	...	...	2.4	17.3
251	195	Tomkins	267	-2	...	3.2	18.8
152	36	Trafalgar H	77½	-1	...	5.6	5.7
255½	30½	-do- 'A'	73½	-2½	...	...	...
514½	266½	Transfer Tech	456	-13	...	3.8	12.6
170	125½	Triplex Lloyd	170	...	7.0	5.5	15.6
253	165	UniChem	257	-1	5.0	2.8	17.5
320	250	Unitate	330	...	...	6.6	11.6
24	8½	Unigroup	19	...	...	...	...
1238	866	Unilever	1209	-1	20.8	2.3	-
7975	5575	Unilever (NV)	7800	...	...	2.7	12.6
625	265	VSEL	595	...	25.0	5.6	6.8
15	2½	Verson	8	...	...	...	...
188	60	Vickers	124	-1	6.0	...	28.1
409	260	Vicastic	362	-3	...	2.7	17.2
350	231	Vinten	357	...	6.6	2.5	19.2
502	240	Vosper Thorny	500	+4	13.1	3.5	12.1
70	36½	WSP Hldgs	41	...	2.9	9.7	7.1
466	340	Wagon Ind	412	...	...	5.5	15.9
78	45	Walker Greenbk	74	...	3.1	5.6	17.6
235	110	Wassall	235	...	...	1.4	28.5
34	15	Wrford Wdgwd	25½	+½	...	...	...
675	435	Weir	648	...	10.5	2.2	18.8
1174	777	Wellcome	904	+13	13.0	1.9	25.0
39	23	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
468	390	Whatman	488	...	8.7	2.4	17.6
339	201	Whessoe	326	-6	...	3.3	12.7
143	4	Whatway	9½	+½	1.0	13.7	...
143	15	Whitecroft	38½	...	4.0	...	4.1
12	3	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
197	44	Wilkes (James)	64	+5	10.0	...	3.5
379	222	Williams Hldg	355	-5	12.5	4.8	18.2
24½	8½	Wilshaw	24½	...	0.4	2.2	20.1
595	287	Wolseley	563	+5	12.5	3.0	21.5
150	100	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	4.1	4.4	13.5
80	36	Wyko	38	...	2.8	...	21.7
70	38	Young (H)	50	-3	3.0	8.0	18.3

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1025	Alex & Alex	1775	-12½	...	3.9	...
2087½	1125	Am Gen	2050‡	+25	...	...	...
66	27	Archer (AJ)	40	...	4.4	14.7	19.5
168	83	Bradstock	139†	...	5.1	4.9	17.1
1215	762	Britannic	1215	+25	29.5	3.2	...
624	389	Com Union	617†	-6	...	5.3	...
1410	900	Dom & Gen	1405	...	...	1.7	23.2
31	18	FAI	21	...	...	...	...
612	356	Gen Accident	599	-1	26.7	6.1	...
195	106	GRE	184	-5	7.0	5.2	...
477	212	Heath C E	368	-1	16.0	5.8	21.6
188	106	Hogg Gp	185	...	8.1	5.9	11.3
208	102	JIB Group	184	-2	...	5.4	13.5
482	287	Legal & Gen	477	-4	18.8	5.3	...
1026	557	Liberty Life	964†	+1	...	3.0	-
465	295	Lloyds Abbey	438	-3	17.3	5.3	-
292	160	Lloyd Thomp	292	...	5.6	2.6	21.5
343	203	Londn & Man	343	+11	13.5	5.3	26.4
362	234	Lowndes Lmb	351	...	12.6	4.8	14.0
6743	3031½	Marsh McLn	6487½	+50	...	2.9	...
154	93	Oriel	95	...	...	7.0	7.0
81	30	PWS	59	...	4.0	9.0	-
335	199	Prudential	333	-1	11.0	4.4	28.9
963	564	Refuge	963	+15	29.0	4.0	43.1
301	119	Royal	296†	-4	5.0	2.3	...
240	160	Sedgwick	162†	...	6.0	4.9	19.5
321	162	Steel Burrill	243	...	13.2	7.3	15.4
232	53	Sturge Hldgs	68	...	8.2	16.2	6.9
358	214	Sun Alliance	331	-2	14.2	5.7	...
61	20	Trade Indemnty	56	...	...	...	...
276	165	Transatlantic	273†	...	12.0	5.9	...
625	395	Utd Friendly	625	+5	12.3	2.6	31.7
274	144	Willis Corroon	186	-1	13.2	9.5	20.0
21	13½	Windsor	14	+½	...	...	11.0



INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1689	1238	Alliance	1687	-1	43.0	3.4	38.9
258	152	Amer Trust	248	-1½	4.9	2.7	-
335	229	Ang & O'seas	334†	+3	6.8	2.7	-
136½	98½	BZW Conv	134	...	7.8	7.8	15.7
152	104	Bankers	152	+2	3.4	3.0	41.8
298	230	Baring Tribne	285†	...	6.4	3.0	44.8
172	116	Berry Starq	145	...	2.0	1.8	49.0
106½	71½	Br Assets	105†	...	...	5.4	25.7
64½	46½	Br Empire Sec	64½	...	0.8	1.8	65.5
17	8½	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
171	123	Br Inv	168	...	4.5	3.6	42.2
166	125	Contl Asset	161†	...	2.4	2.0	53.6
230	147	Derby Inc	147	-1	16.6	15.1	-
235	140	-do- Cap	228	...	...	...	...
119	65	Drayton Asia	116	...	0.7	0.8	...
96	59	-do- Blue Chip	71	...	8.4	16.4	7.7
57	26	-do- Eng Intl	54	...	1.2	3.0	79.1
106	61	-do- Far East	103	...	0.6	0.8	...
101	56	-do- Korea	98	-1	...	...	...
628	473	Dunedin Inc G	624	-4	25.4	5.6	...
574	407	-do- Wwde	573	...	9.5	2.2	59.0
278	203	Dundee & Lon	260	...	12.0	5.9	24.8
61	36	EFM Inc Tst	48	...	4.8	13.5	8.6
54	40½	-do- Dlr Pf	52½	...	...	...	...
274	109	Edinburgh	263½	+½	8.0	4.1	32.2
154	107	Electric Gen	153	...	3.1	2.7	48.7
94	65	English Scot	94	...	...	...	...
251	186	European Asset	250	-1	...	3.0	-
104	68	Finsbury 'A'	89	-1	3.0	4.5	28.6
290	162	Fleming Amer	272	+2	0.7	0.3	...
411	306	-do- Claver	402	+1	10.7	3.5	-
362	173	Do Contl	361	...	2.8	1.4	...
162	119	-do- Emrg	161	...	4.5	3.7	36.1
256	157	-do- F East	249	-1	1.5	0.8	...
298	198	-do- Fledg	297½	+½	3.0	1.3	-
116	81	-do- Hi Inc	113†	...	5.8	6.8	19.2
164	100	-do- Japan	152	-2	0.3	0.3	...
271	193½	-do- Merc	261	...	6.7	3.4	37.3
244	165½	-do- Oseas	244	+2	4.0	2.2	58.2
228	150	Foreign & Col	224	-1	...	2.0	66.2
204	144	-do- Eurost	204	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	71	-do- German	106	...	0.4	0.5	...
227	134	-do- Pacific	226	...	1.7	1.0	...
137½	79	-do- Smaller	135½	...	...	1.8	68.8
205	121	GT Japan	186	-1	...	0.9	...
109	49	Genl Cons Cap	102	...	...	...	...
129½	96	-do- Inc	110	...	...	10.2	11.4
145	63	Govett Am Smlr	131	+2	...	...	...
224	128	-do- Oriental	224	...	0.9	0.5	...
242	150	-do- Strategy	242	+2	6.7	3.7	33.4
369	265	Greenfriar	367	...	8.3	2.3	53.1
	1	Gresham House	5	...	...	...	...
53	31	Independent Inv	52	...	0.5	1.3	...
132	95	Inv Cap	130	...	5.1	5.2	26.1
89	67	Inv UK Smlr	89	-1	2.0	3.0	22.0
182	128	Kleinwort Chrt	182	-1	5.0	3.7	35.4
201	134½	-do- O'seas	200½	+½	3.3	2.2	-
126	85	-do- Smlr	117	...	...	4.6	23.1
587	433	Law Debenture	586	+1	...	4.0	30.8
170	139½	Majedie	170	...	...	3.7	32.9
246	176	Merchants	243	+1	...	5.8	22.4
4925	2437½	Merrill Lynch	4712½	+50	...	...	...
432	290	Monks Inv Tst	432	+2	6.7	2.1	58.2
117	81	Morg Gren Inc	117	...	...	5.2	23.2
30	13	Do Warrants	30	...	...	...	...
46	33	Murray Euro	46	...	0.4	1.4	...
11	4½	Do Wts	10	-½	...	...	...
315	223	Murray Income	306†	-1	...	4.7	29.1
317	215	-do- Intl	312	-1	11.4	4.9	-
304	213	-do- Small	301	-1	4.0	1.8	65.5
109	89	-do- S/C Inc	110	...	...	14.1	9.7
86	54	-do- S/C Cap	85	+1	...	...	...
3080	2250	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.8	...
147½	113½	-do- S/C DP	144½	...	...	...	...
255	189	-do- Vent	255	...	10.3	5.4	20.1
71	44½	New Frontier	71	...	0.2	0.5	...
103	81	Nthrog Inc	88	...	6.7	10.8	11.7
283	185	O'seas Inv TS	277	...	2.8	1.3	70.0
362	173	Pacific Assets	381	-4	1.1	0.4	-
264	80	Do Warrants	252	-5½	...	...	...
8200	5700	Personal Assets	8150	+50	...	2.6	48.7
118	82	R/T Cap Pntr	115	...	1.1	1.3	52.1
123	96	River & Merc	121†	...	4.2	10.1	-
388	273	Robeco	388	...	...	3.4	...
378	265	Rolinco	375	-3	...	2.3	...
239	194	St Andrew Inv	237	...	7.5	4.2	-
146½	108	Scot American	146½	+1½	4.3	4.0	31.0
945	429	Scot Asian	940	+5	...	...	...
71½	49	-do- Eastern	71½	+½	1.3	2.9	-
200	147	Scottish	197	...	4.6	3.1	40.0
197	135	-do- Mtge	196	-1	3.9	2.7	46.1
78	48	-do- Value	78	...	...	3.1	55.0
1493	1066	Second Allnce	1475†	+2	36.5	3.3	39.6
84	61	Secs Tst of Scot	83½	...	3.2	5.2	27.9
125	78½	Selective Asset	125†	+1	1.2	1.3	45.0
20½	9½	Sphere Inv	20½	...	...	20.2	5.8
138	76	TR Far East	137	...	4.5	4.4	30.1
137	97½	TR City Of Lon	136½	+½	4.7	4.6	27.7
141	70	TR Pacific	135	+2	0.3	0.3	-
37	14½	TR Property	21½	...	1.4	...	64.0
69	18	TR Tech Inv	63	...	1.7	3.7	31.2
167	96	TR Smlr Cos	167	-1	3.7	3.0	48.0
315	226	Temple Bar	309†	...	13.2	5.7	23.3
86	51	Thrgtn Asian E	69	-1	0.5	0.7	...
66	39	Throgmorton	62½	+½	2.3	4.9	-
418	266	Throg Dual Cp	418	...	...	...	...
191	137	USDC Invest	191	...	4.2	3.0	36.6
89	58½	Value Inc Tst	87½	+1	...	5.5	23.1
627	482	Whitbread Inv	561	...	15.0	3.6	37.2
195	139	Witan	191½	...	5.6	3.9	33.6

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66½	2	Airbreak Leis	3½#	...	...	...	0.7
337	172	Airtours	314	...	7.2	3.1	11.3
86	17	Ald Leis	50†	...	4.7	...	14.3
243	145	Anglia TV	228	...	...	4.6	20.6
217	135	Barr & W 'A'	204	...	10.0	6.5	10.2
1195	785	Boosey Hwks	1175	...	20.0	2.3	18.8
113	70	Border TV	100	...	...	3.6	13.1
16½	4	Brent Walker	11½	...	...	...	...
15	2½	Buckingham Int	4½	-½	2.1	...	1.1
448	300	Campari	279	...	...	3.3	7.6
226	126	Capital Radio	194	...	5.2	3.6	22.6
818	468	Carlton Comm	774†	-1	...	2.9	22.6
223	120	Castle Comm	200	...	...	5.7	22.5
1825	1050	Central TV	1793	...	30.5	2.3	23.0
88	49	Chrysalis	73	...	...	...	...
665	405	Compass Gp	597	-2	12.3	2.7	17.0
350	273	Eurocamp	323	-2	9.7	4.0	-
1693	673	Euro Disney	995	+3	...	1.2	...
10	1	Euro Leisure	5	...	...	...	9.7
36	11	Ex-Lands	30	...	...	...	...
448	110	Fairline Boats	280	...	10.5	5.0	...
355	239	First Leisure	346†	...	8.1	2.4	23.9
515	250	GWR Gp	503	...	...	1.9	25.8
181	91	Grampian	173	...	5.5	4.2	12.2
8	5	Greenwich Comm	6	...	...	...	...
92	13	HTV Group	30	...	3.7	...	...
208	30	Hi-Tec Sports	54	-1	5.5	...	3.4
18½	2½	Kunick	6½	...	...	...	...
338	220	LWT CP	333	...	5.9	2.4	16.2
379	260	Man Utd	379	...	18.0	6.3	13.0
138	44½	Owners Abrd	138†	+1	3.5	3.4	-
43½	19	The Pelican Gp	43½	+½	...	3.1	15.0
130	50	Prism Leisure	123	...	...	3.0	14.0
61	17	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
319	274	Radio Clyde	314	...	...	3.6	24.6
177	125	Ramsdens (H)	134	...	...	4.5	-
502	202½	Scot TV	489	...	...	2.2	31.5
66	40	Southern Radio	54	...	0.7	2.0	22.5
206	125	Stanley Leisure	206	...	...	2.7	17.4
13	4	Sunleigh	5½	...	...	...	...
195	135	Sunset & Vine	143	...	3.5	3.3	15.4
53	22	TSW	29#	...	...	22.7	3.7
44	3½	TVS	38	...	...	...	3.2
420	156	Tanjong	420	...	...	...	79.1
200	134	Thames TV	170	+5	7.5	5.9	4.8
10½	1	Ticketing	2	...	...	...	...
118	75	Tottenhm Hot	104	...	...	1.4	3.4
78	38	Trans World	75	...	...	...	...
321	154	Ulster TV	321	...	7.5	3.1	22.3
50	16	Wembley	17½	-½	1.8	...	...
19½	4½	Whitegate	19½	+1	...	...	...
191½	110	Yorkshire TV	120	...	12.0	13.3	3.6
136	80	Zetters Gp	103	...	8.0	10.4	10.4

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112½	1800	Am Gold	2575	...	...	8.6	11.6
2237½	1000	Ang Am Coal	1300	-25	...	7.9	5.6
2275	1012½	Ang Am	1500	...	...	5.1	9.3
18½	7½	Anglo Pac Res	16½	...	...	...	...
110	33	Blyvoors	61	-1	...	11.2	3.0
25	11	Bracken	21	...	...	...	1.2
566	208	Buffels	331	...	...	13.6	7.1
4½	1½	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
665	437	CRA	645	-3	...	3.2	-
38	9	Cluff Res	12½	-1	1.0	10.7	18.6
1662½	581½	De Beers	962½	-6½	...	...	7.9
125	37½	Deelkraal	47	...	...	14.3	2.3
46	7	Doornfontein	10	...	...	...	...
759	388	Driefontein	494	-5	...	7.5	8.2
375	120	Durban	172	...	...	...	...
121	39	E Rand Gold	63	...	...	18.3	1.8
154	62	E Daggs	72	...	...	...	5.3
168	54	E Rand Prop	146	...	...	...	...
470	117	Elandsrand	172	...	...	7.9	...
535	272	FS Cons	430	+1	...	12.2	4.4
33	7	FS Dev	12	...	...	...	...
1491	606	GFSA	937	+6	...	4.8	13.3
222	121	Gencor	139	+2	...	7.1	10.8
44½	29½	GM Kalgoorli	42	...	...	3.3	10.3
16½	2	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	-½	...	...	...
89	44	Grootvlei	57	...	...	20.8	-
368	78	Harmony	165	+3	...	...	...
281½	87	Hartles	127	...	...	...	4.4
14	5	Inoco	9½	...	...	...	...
820	486	Impala Plat	604	...	...	...	12.3
8	2½	Kenmare Res	7	...	...	...	...
795	392	Kinross	447	...	...	12.6	4.4
624	293	Kloof	443	-4	...	4.5	6.8
60	21½	Leslie	47	...	...	11.7	3.6
71	12	Loraine	21	...	...	...	...
128	90½	MIM	106½	-2	...	2.1	48.7
955	550	Minorco	869	+1	...	4.3	10.2
114½	66	Nth Brkn Hill	114	+1	...	4.3	-
1201	598	Orange Free	975	-9½	...	14.4	7.7
669	469	RTZ	661	-1	19.5	3.8	20.6
1287½	375	Rand Mines	512½	...	...	12.6	2.1
230	75	Rand Min Prp	118	...	...	15.6	5.1
334	136	Randfontein	224	...	...	8.6	3.0
221	106	Renison	150	+4	...	3.0	14.6
1312½	812½	Rustnbrg	887½	...	...	5.7	12.6
410	183	St Helena	331	...	...	8.0	-
1287½	475	Southvaal	700	...	...	9.2	-
60	17½	Stilfontein	45	...	...	16.4	-
183	43	Unisel	89	...	...	3.8	7.9
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	2462½	-12½	...	9.9	-
324	154	Welkom	262	+4	...	13.8	7.2
99½	26	Western Areas	41	...	...	...	...
2375	587½	Western Deep	975	-25	...	7.2	-
253	164	Wstrn Mining	230	+5	...	...	...
630	255	Winkels	430	...	...	2.6	3.2
84	16	Zambia Copper	78	-5	...	...	...
45	18	Zandpan	22	...	...	...	6.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
400	228	Abbey Panels	233	...	0.1	0.1	18.5
125	90	Airflow Stream	123	...	7.8	9.8	78.3
123	56	Appleyard	106	+1	7.8	7.3	14.2
253	130	Bletchley Mtr	138	+4	8.2	7.3	14.2
145	115	Bostrom	137	...	6.0	5.8	37.3
379	100	Br Aerospace	283†	+10½	7.0	3.3	...
378	303	Caffyns	323	...	11.5	4.7	43.0
9½	3	Caverdale	7½	-½	...	...	...
139	95	Central Mtr	108	...	...	4.9	27.5
48	15½	Cook (DC)	21	...	...	...	...
213	99	Cowie (T)	206	-5	6.2	4.1	-
133	75	Dag Motors	96	...	5.7	8.0	11.3
140	85	Davmpn Vern	140†	...	4.0	3.8	-
264	130	ERF	214	...	4.0	...	...
137	68	European Mtr	93	...	...	2.2	...
316	167	Evans Halshaw	263	+1	11.2	5.7	24.5
283	163	FR Group	275	+15	6.6	3.2	13.1
3581½	1500	Ford Motor	3293½	+18½	...	...	...
2875	1681½	General Mtr	2862½	+68½	...	1.9	...
53	35	Gowrings	45	...	2.0	5.9	...
104	43	Henlys	104	+2	3.0	3.8	...
786	465	Honda Motor	786	...	...	0.7	...
31	10	Jacks (Wm)	21	...	...	...	...
95	49	Jessups	62	+4	4.5	7.3	...
225	68	Kwik-Fit	105	+1	3.3	4.3	10.4
326	175	Lex Service	308	+½	10.0	4.3	...
128	74	Lookers	110	+1	6.2	7.8	...
153	77	Lucas	143	...	7.0	6.5	...
265	169	Pendragon	265	-2	6.0	3.0	23.7
175	103	Perry Gp	150	+4	9.0	8.0	26.8
145	56	Quicks Group	145	+2	3.0	2.8	26.8
176	89	Rolls-Royce	130	-2	7.2	7.4	24.6
160	99	Vardy (Reg)	135	-1	4.0	4.0	20.6
165	93	Westland	165	...	4.2	3.4	14.6

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	73	Adscene	141†	...	6.0	3.8	15.0
390	315	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.3	19.4
598	398	Blenheim Gp	593	...	9.0	2.0	22.2
330	248	Bristol	284	...	11.5	5.4	21.1
8300	5900	Daily Mail	7950	+25	13.0	2.2	17.4
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	7950	+25	13.0	2.1	17.6
301	193	Dorling Kind	300	+2	...	1.3	28.7
365	224½	EMAP	342	+4	...	2.9	22.3
983	533	Euromoney Pb	948	...	29.5	4.1	21.3
237	125	Harrington K	225	-11	4.5	2.7	-
358	155	Haynes Pub	318	...	6.0	2.5	13.5
240	140	Headline	240	...	10.0	1.7	26.7
183	105	Home Counts	140	...	8.2	7.9	26.4
6½	2	Ind Bus Comm	4½	...	...	...	...
14½	6½	Int Cm & Data	7½	...	...	...	...
430	285	Independent	430	...	...	4.6	15.1
491	289	Johnstone Press	491	...	5.5	1.5	23.2
285	186	Metal Bulletin	285	+6	5.0	3.8	-
125	49	Mirror Gp.	104	-2	...	...	9.0
368	127½	News Corp	356†	-1	...	0.3	24.0
764	258	News Intl	745	-5	1.9	0.7	12.9
459½	297	Pearson	384	-5	...	4.0	18.0
640	340	Portsmth Sund	640	...	8.6	1.8	10.5
662	447	Reed Int	671	-2	16.0	3.2	22.3
138	61	Southnews	138	...	...	1.4	40.7
129	29	Sterling Pub	129	...	...	2.6	42.4
368	274	Telegraph	345	-4	11.0	4.5	...
815	565	Thomson Corp	765	...	25.2	4.4	13.0
347	222	Trinity Intl	317	-1	...	3.5	18.7
62	29	Unit Group	34	...	...	...	...
543	323	Utd Newspprs	531	-1	21.0	5.3	18.2

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6	Aberdeen Pet	16	-½	...	...	...
29½	11½	Aran Energy	25½	...	...	...	...
68	23	Arcon Intl	41	...	...	...	...
53	22	Aus Oil & Gas	49	-½	...	...	...
290	20	Aviva Pet	52	...	...	...	...
48	8	Beverley	10	...	...	...	...
195	105	Br Borneo	178	+4	7.1	5.3	19.6
307½	223	British Gas	304½	+½	...	6.4	13.2
304	182	Br Petroleum	288	-1	...	4.9	36.2
4½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
741	460	Burmah Castl	719	-1	24.0	4.5	16.5
75	21	Cairn Energy	46	...	...	...	...
253	164	Calor Gp	237	+1	12.0	6.8	15.6
80	30	Clyde Pet	53	...	1.2	...	...
16½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	13½	...	...	...	...
479	297	Enterprise	478	+2	15.7	4.4	34.0
103	25	Exp Co Louis	76	-1	...	...	...
28½	14½	Fairhaven Intl	28	...	...	1.1	9.0
69	34	Goal Pet	63	...	1.2	2.6	11.9
31	5	Gt Western Res	25	...	...	...	...
140	77	Hardy O & G	144	...	1.0	0.9	45.2
28	7½	Kelt Energy	27½	...	...	...	...
263	112	LASMO	182	-3	8.5	6.2	23.5
163	83	-do- Units	94	+3	15.0	21.3	...
51	11	Mid Scot Res	18½	...	...	...	...
42½	27	Monument	41½	+1½	...	...	45.2
18½	5	New London	9	...	...	...	...
35½	17	Nth Sea Assets	25	...	0.7	4.0	6.6
37	25	Oil Search	31	...	...	...	...
14	8	Petrol	13½	-½	...	...	...
108	57	Pict Pet	106	...	...	...	14.7
31	10	Premier	28	...	...	...	12.6
198	40	Presidio	75	...	...	8.4	...
430	308	Ranger	358	+10	...	4.9	...
9950	4162½	Royal Dtch Fl	9925	...	...	5.5	-
4312½	3025	Schlumberger	4237½	...	...	1.9	...
61	41	Seafield	60	...	...	...	...
605	435	Shell	574†	-4	21.9	5.1	-
20½	110	Sunrise Eng Sv	202	...	...	...	...
19	7½	Teredo	8	+½	...	...	...
82	26	Triton Europe	35	...	...	...	7.0
10	6½	Villiers Grp	7½	...	...	...	...
172	131	Woodside	152	-2	...	2.4	...

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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
282	103	API	282	...	7.5	3.5	34.6
290	125½	Arjo Wiggins	185½	+9½	8.3	...	15.0
456	366	Abbott Mead	455	...	8.4	2.5	22.9
3	½	Assis Group	1	...	...	...	...
135	13	Aegis Gp	13½	...	5.8	...	4.5
212	105	Aspen Comms	196	-4	...	3.7	26.9
13	7	BBB Design	9½	...	...	...	...
341	180	Bemrose	336	...	11.7	4.7	17.1
60	18	Birkdale	18	-1	0.2	1.5	15.2
128	80	Bunzl	129	...	4.0	4.1	30.1
267	147	CIA Gp	266	...	...	1.9	17.5
51	36	City of Lon	47	+1	...	9.6	9.8
314	135	Cropper (James)	211	-2	3.0	1.9	24.0
41	6	Crown Comm	6#	...	...	...	...
73	30	Delyn Pckaging	61	-2	1.4	3.1	12.5
149	78	Dolphin Pack	105	-5	4.5	5.7	14.0
74½	42	Dudley Jenkins	42	...	...	...	10.3
15	9½	Elswick	17½	...	0.2	...	10.5
68	38	Fairway Group	55†	...	...	7.6	...
286	211	Ferguson Intl	271	...	12.5	6.2	15.2
140	65	Ferry Pick	100	...	7.5	10.2	-
106	35	Filofax	100	...	...	0.5	25.0
49	6	Fitch	16	...	...	...	1.6
71	47	Gibbon Lyons	69	...	...	9.7	13.5
306	194	Gold Greenless	268	...	8.3	4.0	22.3
53	26	Goodhead	26	...	0.5	2.0	...
160	32½	Hunterprint	81	...	...	...	...
180	138	Intereurope	136	...	7.4	7.3	9.5
208	123	Jarvis Porter	208	+2	4.4	2.8	22.7
50	13	Lopex	35	...	...	...	14.6
263	133	More O'Ferrall	234	-6	12.2	7.9	13.9
78	27	NMC Group	73	...	1.2	...	14.4
86	58	Osborne & Little	80	...	4.3	7.3	10.3
189	132	Quarto	179	...	5.2	5.1	9.4
343	231	St Ives Gp	335	...	5.2	2.1	22.4
245	115	Saatchi	169	-1	...	...	...
754	381	Sappi	419	...	...	9.3	7.9
19½	1½	Serif	16	-1½	...	...	...
43	3	Shandwick	23½	...	...	...	...
351	233	Smith David	322	-1	9.5	3.9	14.2
335	210	Smurfit (Jeff)	293	-12	...	0.5	9.5
265	171	Sun-Plus	223	+5	8.0	4.9	-
21½	10½	Taylor Nelson	19½	...	...	1.6	41.1
65	37	VTR	53	...	...	8.6	15.1
115	31	WPP	82	...	...	...	...
195	48	Wace	71	-2	8.2	15.5	7.9
221	158	Waddington (J)	207	-2	7.9	5.1	15.6
603	391	Watmough	603	+4	10.5	2.3	26.3
6½	1½	Westport	5½	...	...	...	20.6
39	12	Whitney Mck	16	...	...	...	...
75	51	Wood (SW)	63	...	0.2	0.5	...

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Abaca Group	1½#	...	...	...	...
86	28	Allied Lon	58	+1	3.5	8.1	50.1
70	55	Arcadian	61	...	2.0	4.5	21.0
73	34	Asda	59	...	...	7.9	7.0
141	64	Avonside	98	+1	...	...	...
2575	1887½	BCE	2562½	+25	...	...	...
486	268	Bilton	485	...	18.0	4.9	17.5
45	23	Bourne End	25	...	1.0	5.3	...
166	108	Bradford	163	...	4.4	3.6	14.5
36	11	Bredero	19	...	...	...	7.5
275	110	Br Land	242	+3	6.3	3.5	25.3
190	108	Brixton	188	-1	8.1	5.7	14.3
55	44	Burford	52	-1	0.9	2.4	27.2
125	88	Cap & Regnl	125	...	...	1.1	...
200	75	Cardiff Prop	120	...	2.4	2.7	...
433	103	Chesterfield	225	...	18.5	...	15.9
80	9	City Site Ests	25	-2	1.4	...	...
40	8	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
32	8	Clayform	12½	...	...	...	...
953	785	Daejan	953	+20	25.0	3.5	14.9
4½	½	Dares Estates	1½	...	...	...	...
76	30	Debenham Tewn	75	...	2.5	4.4	27.2
12	1	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
135	76	Dencora	89	...	5.5	8.2	...
540	263	Derwent Hldgs	326	...	8.6	3.5	98.6
250	170	Estates Agency	210	...	3.0	1.9	19.3
12	6	Estates Gen	14	...	3.7	...	4.4
143	100	Evans Of Leeds	138	+4	4.1	4.0	13.2
31	11	Five Oaks	15	...	...	...	...
95	28	Fletcher King	50	+7	1.0	2.7	36.2
348	188	Frogmore	345	...	15.0	5.8	15.0
125	51	Grainger	108	...	5.2	6.5	24.1
182	84	Gr Portland	152	+3	10.0	8.8	15.1
114	6½	Greycoat	10½	...	5.2	...	...
129	63	HK Land	128	...	...	4.0	21.5
49	19	Hambro Cntyw	46	...	...	...	...
588	180	Hammerson	358	+4	10.0	3.7	10.5
503	165	-do- 'A'	332	+2	10.0	4.0	15.9
150	69	Helical Bar	141	...	4.0	3.8	...
57	19	Hemingway	19	-2	...	...	...
115	83	Herring Baker	86	...	7.0	10.9	...
225	133	Jermyn	133	...	1.5	1.5	...
504	343	Land Sec	490	+2	21.7	5.9	14.9
84	62	Lon Merch Sec	84	+2	3.8	6.0	13.4
3½	1½	Lon & Metro	3#	...	...	...	...
411	196	MEPC	375	+½	20.0	7.1	15.7
6½	3	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
145	76	McKay Secs	104	...	6.7	...	17.1
20	3	Markheath	4½	...	0.5	...	...
133	8	Merivale Mre	25	...	1.0	5.3	...
5	3	Merlin Intl	5#	...	...	...	...
46	27	Moorfield Est	33	...	...	0.4	...
1075	580	Mountview	825	...	18.0	2.9	8.4
6	2½	Mowat	2½#	...	...	...	...
139	101	Mucklow (A&J)	135	...	5.9	5.9	17.6
53	33	New Cavendish	50	...	...	...	26.3
117	30	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
30	3½	Ossory Est	9½	-½	0.1	2.2	2.2
103	8	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	0.9
111	54	Prop Security	110	...	3.7	4.5	21.9
122½	14½	Property Trust	35	-1	...	...	...
4½	1	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
68	1½	Regalian	15	...	1.5	13.3	3.0
10½	3½	Rosehaugh	7½#	...	...	...	...
175	125	Rowlinson Secs	125	...	1.3	1.4	26.6
25	12	St Modwen Prp	23†	+3	0.6	3.5	-
33	21	Savills	49	...	...	...	...
72	18	Scot Met	51	...	1.5	3.0	...
68	39	Shaftesbury	68	...	...	...	...
12½	2	Shield	10	...	...	...	...
36	11	Sinclair Gidsm	35#	...	0.5	1.9	...
248	83	Slough Estates	188	...	8.1	5.8	10.7
78	36	Southend Prop	58	...	4.1	9.6	29.3
20½	2½	Speyhawk	13	...	...	...	...
39	4	Stanhope Prps	19½	...	...	...	...
90	58	Town Centre	89	...	3.1	4.6	17.4
62	35	Trafford Park	60	-1	2.5	5.7	16.2
35	7	UK Land	17	...	...	...	...
7	4	Union Square	4	...	...	...	...
217	119	Warner	186†	...	10.5	7.5	17.0
245	168	Warnford	168†	...	7.2	5.8	11.7
8	1	Waterglade	6½	-½	...	...	...
91	23	Wates	44	...	3.7	11.3	11.1
44	17	Wood John De	43	+3	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic	11	-2	...	...	...
101	42	Headlam	98	...	2.4	3.3	39.5
500	265	Lambert	500	...	12.5	3.3	13.0
111	63	Pittard Garnar	93	...	1.5	2.2	42.5
41	18	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	6.1	6.1
193	88	Stylo	126	...	2.5	2.6	...

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
478	362	Allied Text	478	...	12.6	3.5	-
73	47	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	10.4	12.1
52	21	Bolton Gp	23	...	...	...	11.7
164	138	Br Mohair	161	...	8.5	7.0	12.7
119	30	Celestion	118	...	1.2	1.4	...
41	15	Charnwell	20	...	0.4	2.7	...
337	186½	Claremont Ga	332	+2	...	1.5	22.6
598	364	Courtauld Tex	598	+5	13.6	3.1	-
248½	160	Dawson	226	+4	9.0	5.3	22.0
59	17	Drummond	25	...	1.5	...	7.7
60	17½	Dunkeld	34	...	...	...	...
73	60	Faupel	72	...	...	9.1	7.1
68	24	Foster (John)	34	+2	0.5	2.0	...
142	84	Gaskell	85	...	8.5	...	...
186	99	Hicking Pntcst	171	...	3.4	2.7	14.5
73	38	Jerome (S)	45	...	1.0	...	...
389	215	Lamont	302	...	...	5.3	14.3
410½	205½	Leeds	403	+2	...	2.4	19.5
42	15	Lister	41	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	81	Lyles (S)	112	-1	4.9	5.8	12.7
94	53	Parkland 'A'	86	+4	2.0	3.1	...
95½	63	Readicut	94	...	3.4	4.9	18.7
71	30	SEET	45	...	...	...	...
94	67	Stirdar	92	+1	5.1	7.5	15.9
54	29	Stirling Gp	53	...	1.6	4.2	22.0
59	31	Stoddard	49	-1	2.6	7.1	13.1
312	198	Tomkinsons	308	...	11.5	5.0	26.7
6½	3	West Trust	5½	...	...	6.1	...
356	160	Yorklyde	340	...	9.7	3.8	15.9

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	608	BAT	933	-15	33.6	4.6	24.6
669	480	Rothmans 'B'	635	-2	10.2	2.2	14.5

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	389	-4	8.0	2.7	...
816	531	BAA	768	-9	14.5	2.5	13.6
315	219	Br Airways	293	+2	10.1	4.6	7.5
182	45	Clarkson (H)	78	...	8.0	...	3.5
101	11	Davies Newman	23#	...	...	...	...
515	293	Eurotunnel Uts	483	-5	...	...	...
88	44	Fisher (James)	51	...	5.5	...	14.3
140	70	Graig	133	...	4.5	4.4	...
203	147	IoM Steam	156	-2	...	6.4	7.5
39	22	Jacobs (JI)	30	...	1.9	8.4	17.5
53	41	Lon O'Seas Frs	43	+2	1.2	3.9	2.6
1650	1237½	Mancnsty Sh	1650	...	4.5	0.4	6.8
342	190	Mersey Docks	340	+1	7.5	3.0	-
210	168	Nail Express	198	...	...	4.8	17.0
290	216	NFC	267	-3	6.5	3.3	26.2
357	170	Ocean Group	284	-3	14.3	6.7	12.9
63	31	Ocean Wilson	52	...	...	6.8	11.0
594	296½	P & O Dfd	571	-4	30.5	7.1	20.1
150	97	P & O 5½%	133	...	...	5.5	...
536	267	Powell Duffryn	523	-1	22.6	5.8	20.9
126	96	Seacon	123	...	...	5.5	7.7
59	23½	TIP Europe	27½	...	1.4	6.8	6.7
87	34	TNT	35½	...	...	...	...
745	409½	Tibbet & Britn	730	+2	...	2.0	29.2
478	214	Tiphook	351	-2	17.3	6.6	7.0
307	208	TDG	295	...	9.5	4.3	17.7

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
574	308½	Anglian Water	552	+3	19.3	4.9	9.2
605	336	Northumbrian	602	+1	20.5	4.5	10.2
513	323	North West	509½	+4½	19.6	5.1	8.4
500	298	Severn Trent	499	+2	19.3	5.2	7.3
516	301	Sthrn Water	512	+4	19.5	5.1	9.0
1300	670	Sth Staffs	1285	...	40.2	4.2	8.3
530	306	South West	530	+3	21.7	5.5	8.0
528	324	Thames Water	524½	+½	19.2	4.9	8.9
576	337	Welsh Water	574	+2	21.4	5.0	8.6
618	358½	Wessex Water	616	+1	...	4.2	6.3
563	330	Yorkshire W	559	-2	19.5	4.7	9.1

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0345 717373				
Masterrust	110.80	118.50	-0.80	1.43
International	81.39	87.11	-0.35	1.17
Dividend Gth	56.58	60.19	+0.33	4.98
Global Gth Sec	59.99	63.81	-0.08	2.87
Ethical Growth	64.04	68.12	+0.45	2.79
High Inc Equity	150.90	160.50	+0.80	5.30
Worldwide Bond	267.70	283.80	+1.20	4.40
Gilts Fixed Int	129.10	136.90	+0.10	6.94
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580. 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 6501				
Amer Inc Gth	44.65	47.13	-0.36	1.70
European	80.80	85.66	-0.06	...
European Inc	78.24	83.04	-0.30	1.61
Exempt	899.80	929.60	-4.60	2.29
Extra Inc	41.80	45.46	-0.05	5.53
F East Emerg Ec	82.95	89.27	+0.69	0.72
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	368.80	394.20	-3.00	4.27
Equity Inc	208.30	222.60	-0.90	4.09
High Yield	231.70	247.60	-1.40	4.27
Balanced	629.10	672.50	-2.20	2.82
American Inc	49.36	52.76	-0.14	3.24
Wld Asset Val	38.14	40.77	-0.05	2.01
Japan	142.80	152.20	-0.90	0.01
Secs of Am	430.40	458.10	-0.80	0.36
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	310.80	330.70	-1.70	2.95
-do- Inc	222.80	237.10	-1.10	2.95
Higher Inc Acc	557.70	593.40	-2.40	4.06
-do- Inc	344.10	366.10	-1.50	4.06
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	175.30	185.10	+0.10	6.68
-do- Inc	91.85	97.01	+0.04	6.68
Nth America	240.60	256.90	+2.70	...
Far East	259.70	276.30	-1.40	0.33
Europe	218.50	232.50	-0.30	1.28
General Inc	420.60	447.50	-2.00	2.63
-do- Acc	458.10	487.40	-2.10	2.63
Brit Excell	63.42	67.47	-0.37	2.94
Brit Fndmtls Inc	65.44	69.62	-0.35	5.27
Brit Fndmtls Acc	83.57	88.70	-0.44	5.27
Global Opps	69.34	73.79	+0.55	0.07
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	106.50	114.00	+0.30	3.19
Euro Gth Inc	114.80	121.50	-0.50	1.02
Extra Inc	104.30	111.50	+0.30	5.57
General	239.60	256.30	+0.90	3.47
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.83	59.82	+0.13	8.68
Income	470.40	503.10	-3.50	4.80
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	94.27	100.10	+1.50	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	122.10	130.90	+2.00	.
Australia	...	...		
Convertibles	51.75	55.34	+0.06	7.40
Eastern	176.10	191.70	-1.60	1.70
Equity Income	78.28	83.27	-0.32	6.50
European Gth	224.40	243.10	-0.80	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	150.00	160.50	+0.20	2.00
Exempt	82.14	84.41		3.80
German Growth	54.16	57.81	-0.09	0.80
Global Growth	107.80	115.00	-0.40	...
Japan Growth	158.40	169.90	-0.80	...
Japan Sunrise	134.00	143.10	-0.50	...
Portfolio	115.20	123.10	-0.10	3.40
-do- Acc	205.40	219.70	-0.20	3.40
UK Growth	75.77	80.60	-0.44	3.10
UK Smaller Cos	76.80	82.13	-0.02	2.00
Select Managers	63.42	67.46	+0.32	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	103.09	110.25	-0.32	2.39
-do- Inc	94.42	100.98	-0.29	2.39
Global Bond	29.72	31.53	+0.11	5.78
High Yield Acc	51.51	55.09	...	4.52
-do- Inc	37.75	40.38	...	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	83.41	89.21	+0.08	1.81
-do- Inc	77.14	82.50	+0.08	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	59.23	63.35	+1.12	...
-do- Inc	58.13	62.17	+1.10	...
Euro Gth Acc	96.57	103.28	+0.03	1.78
-do- Inc	95.24	101.86	+0.02	1.78
Mngd P folio	34.42	36.91	-0.17	1.54
Pacific Growth	89.77	96.01	+0.95	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	86.62	92.64	+0.50	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	115.60	123.10	+0.90	3.61
Smaller Cos Acc	274.80	292.00	+1.50	...
Smaller Cos Inc	160.60	171.00	+0.90	1.35
High Inc	71.18	76.51	+0.35	7.21
Income	128.30	135.10	+0.80	4.29
Mngd P folio Inc	91.21	97.14	+0.23	2.14
-do- Acc	172.40	183.60	+0.50	...
North American	107.50	114.50	-1.20	0.19
Orient	100.60	108.30	-0.30	...
Recovery	37.27	40.07	+0.28	2.95
German	43.23	46.34	...	0.09
Intl Growth	32.93	35.07	-0.15	0.22
European Inc	22.96	24.72	-0.05	0.46
Conv General	...	...	...	...
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	64.66	68.79	+0.31	1.06
-do- Acc	72.09	76.70	+0.35	1.06
Income Fund 5	211.30	224.80	+0.60	4.03
-do- Acc	480.30	511.00	+1.20	4.03
Inv Portfolio	67.42	69.57	+0.54	2.11
-do- Acc	76.13	78.90	+0.61	2.11
Smaller Cos	119.30	127.00	-0.30	2.06
-do- Acc	143.40	152.60	-0.40	2.06
High Inc P folio	59.32	61.15	+0.12	4.67
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7216				
Sht Gth Fxd Int	66.39	67.29	-0.01	6.99
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	134.80	143.50	-0.50	1.65
UK Growth	145.70	155.00	+0.90	2.30
UK Income	124.20	132.20	+1.10	4.39
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	83.13	88.91	-0.58	1.05
Growth	44.77	47.88	-0.06	2.98
Income	52.77	56.44	+0.08	4.31
Far East	42.78	45.75	-0.31	0.17
North American	83.61	89.42	-1.59	0.01
Global	82.44	88.17	+0.50	0.68
European	69.26	74.08	+0.18	1.27
Japan	88.65	94.81	+0.69	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	61.22	64.88	+0.52	4.94
UK Cap Gwth	78.33	83.78	+0.06	2.02
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	134.00	142.50	+1.30	0.20
-do- Acc	142.50	151.50	+1.40	0.20
European	67.19	71.17	-0.02	1.05
-do- Acc	69.64	73.77	-0.02	1.05
Far East Gen	49.84	53.03	-0.32	...
-do- Acc	49.84	53.03	-0.32	...
Glenfriars	249.10	265.00	+3.40	1.00
-do- Acc	280.40	298.30	+3.80	1.00
Growth	374.70	400.80	-0.30	2.55
-do- Acc	642.30	687.00	-0.40	2.55
Income Growth	370.20	393.90	+2.40	4.00
-do- Acc	492.20	523.70	+3.10	4.00
Master Portfolio	9425.0	9743.0	+4.00	2.67
-do- Acc	10856.0	11222.0	+5.00	2.67
Special Sits	85.72	91.20	-0.09	2.51
-do- Acc	100.33	106.74	-0.11	2.51
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1193.0	1230.0	...	4.50
-do- Acc	1381.0	1424.0	-1.00	4.50
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	199.50	212.40	+1.60	1.72
Capital	532.70	568.50	+1.40	2.47
Eurotrack 100	131.90	140.30	+0.20	1.71
Euro Gth	81.31	86.53	+0.33	1.43
Far East Growth	81.49	86.96		0.16
Global Bond	23.83	25.10	+0.15	6.87
Hong Kong	76.16	81.28	-0.06	0.59
Income	504.10	537.90	+0.90	4.66
Intl Growth	72.23	77.08	+0.64	1.06
Japan Growth	206.80	220.70	-0.30	..
Japan Smllr Cos	26.13	27.88	+0.04	..
Japan Index	61.56	65.69	-0.21	0.31
Nth American	434.70	463.90	+5.50	0.97
S pore Mly Gth	49.94	53.28	-0.68	..
The Footsie Fd	108.40	114.60	-0.10	2.75
Thetr Index	138.40	147.60	+1.10	0.72
Triade Index	99.70	106.40	+0.10	2.88
UK Index	122.60	130.80	+0.20	3.29
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	84.62	90.38	-0.16	1.00
European P folio	72.79	77.29	+0.01	1.38
Japanese P folio	50.66	53.80	-0.01	...
Pacific P folio	92.89	99.86	-0.41	2.43
Cazenove P folio	69.46	74.29	-0.07	3.00
UK Income Gth	82.33	86.87	+0.02	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	604.15	609.40	...	4.74
Fixed Int	155.70	156.45	...	9.22
Deposit	6.00		...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	598.47	600.35	...	4.98
-do- Acc	2297.9	2316.6	...	..
Deposit	5.90		...	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.15	127.21	...	9.12
-do- Acc	166.55	166.88	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	63.32	66.65	..	2.43
Beckman Intl	82.69	87.57	..	3.23
Friars Hse Inc	174.76	187.91	..	6.58
Friars Hse Cap	245.79	264.29	..	2.94
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	112.57	119.76	+1.34	...
European Gth	95.40	101.49	+0.18	1.25
Far East Gth	95.80	101.91	+0.63	0.30
Japan Gth Acc	33.38	35.51	-0.10	...
Managed	60.92	64.81	...	3.02
-do- Acc	73.57	78.27	-0.01	3.02
Mthly Inc Plus	47.39	50.41	+0.10	8.52
Smaller Cos	32.00	34.04	-0.73	2.14
-do- Acc	36.06	38.36	-0.82	2.14
UK General	68.15	72.50	-0.30	2.72
-do- Acc	81.71	86.93	-0.35	2.72
Wwide Bd	64.83	68.97	-0.39	6.36
-do- Acc	83.40	88.72	+0.51	6.36
Wwide Sp Sits	53.85	57.29	-0.34	0.26
-do- Acc	56.10	60.00	+0.35	0.26
Quilter General	125.73	133.56	-0.23	2.47
-do- Acc	135.09	143.71	-0.25	2.47
Quilter Income	92.48	98.38	+0.17	4.53
-do- Acc	113.98	121.26	+0.21	4.53
Quilter Intl	125.47	133.48	-0.68	0.43
-do- Acc	127.20	135.32	-0.69	0.43
Quilter UK Spec	69.61	74.05	-0.02	2.47
-do- Acc	92.09	97.97	-0.03	2.47
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	100.91	107.35	+0.26	1.75
Fixed Conv	40.35	42.93	+0.18	8.21
-do- Acc	105.27	111.99	+0.48	8.21
Equity Inc	144.67	153.90	+2.47	4.02
-do- Acc	465.18	494.87	+7.98	4.02
High Yield	116.92	124.38	+0.17	5.21
-do- Acc	442.07	470.29	+0.63	5.21
Preference	47.90	50.85	+0.09	7.77
-do- Acc	242.13	257.59	+0.48	7.77
PPT Europe	151.33	160.99	-0.22	0.55
PPT Global Bnd	85.25	90.59	+0.55	4.86
PPT Gold Com	49.58	52.74	-0.06	..
PPT Thai	55.81	59.37	-0.01	...
PPT Hong Kong	101.16	107.62	+0.78	0.32
PPT Japan	92.11	97.99	-0.43	...
PPT N Amer	154.85	164.73	+1.95	...
PPT S'pore Mly	100.09	106.48	+1.06	...
PPT UK	116.59	124.03	+1.03	3.45
PPT Cash	91.14	91.14	+0.01	6.28
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	78.56	83.57	+0.46	0.95
Japanese Acc	47.84	50.89	-0.02	...
UK Balncd Inc	124.60	132.50	+0.80	2.53
-do- Acc	145.30	154.60	+0.90	2.53
UK Growth Acc	206.00	219.20	+1.30	2.20
UK High Inc	133.50	142.00	+1.60	6.69
-do- Acc	157.60	167.70	-2.00	6.69
N America Acc	115.90	123.20	+1.70	0.31
European Acc	154.30	164.20	...	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.57	64.28	+0.08	8.79
-do- Acc	97.76	103.70	+0.10	8.79
Intl Sp Sits Acc	45.66	48.57	+0.23	0.23
Environmntl Opp	72.04	76.64	+0.46	1.45
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	115.70	122.90	-1.20	...
UK Smlr Cos	182.90	194.30	-0.10	1.29
Eurofund	38.51	40.71	+0.23	0.98
Mngd Exempt	164.50	171.40	+0.90	3.06
Growth Inc	212.20	225.50	+0.20	3.99
High Dist	138.50	147.20	-0.70	5.88
International	315.50	335.20	-0.30	0.97
Intl Income	81.61	87.12	+0.29	2.98
Pacific	56.81	60.36	-0.40	0.50
Smllr Jap Cos	55.36	58.82	-0.19	...
Tokyo	160.50	170.50	-0.60	...
Japan Exempt	90.70	93.19	+0.10	0.54
Sm Jap Exempt	459.10	471.70	-9.30	0.11
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	167.40	178.00	-0.40	1.16
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	105.01	110.54	-0.05	3.53
High Income	120.19	126.52	-0.03	5.10
Tst of Inv Tsts	140.09	147.46	+0.49	2.18
Special Sits	83.24	87.62	-0.01	3.39
North American	106.73	112.35	-0.46	0.98
Far Eastern	216.19	227.57	-0.36	1.52
Intl Growth	90.85	95.63	-0.03	1.44
European	64.59	67.99	+0.07	2.19
Smaller Cos	69.82	73.49	-0.06	2.26
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	223.70	237.40	+2.60	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.00
European Tst	111.30	118.40	+0.10	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	94.43	99.94	-0.06	0.86
Far Eastern	118.40	126.70	+0.10	...
Oseas Income	90.54	96.96	-0.55	2.71
UK Growth	91.46	97.82	-0.31	1.33
UK Income	101.90	109.00	-0.10	3.82
US Smaller Cos	234.90	251.20	+2.50	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	427.60	457.20	+7.60	...
-do- Acc	436.80	467.10	+7.70	...
Capital	281.50	299.60	-0.40	2.18
-do- Acc	388.60	413.30	-0.60	2.18
Conti SmBr Cos	46.48	50.08	-0.14	1.27
-do- Acc	48.09	51.61	-0.15	1.27
Convertible	108.40	115.30	+0.40	6.55
-do- Acc	200.70	213.40	-0.90	6.55
European	98.17	104.80	-0.40	0.91
-do- Acc	101.40	108.30	-0.40	0.91
Extra Income	284.60	302.70	-0.30	4.46
-do- Acc	398.50	423.80	-0.40	4.46
Financial	106.30	114.50	-1.40	0.59
-do- Acc	110.60	119.20	-1.50	0.59
Health Fund Inc	114.20	122.00	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	114.20	122.00	+1.10	...
Income Tst	174.80	185.90	+0.70	4.16
-do- Acc	243.60	259.10	+0.80	4.16
Intl Growth	306.70	327.80	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	340.60	364.00	+1.80	...
Japan Gen	140.10	149.80	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	141.50	151.30	+0.50	...
Mngd P folio Inc	89.96	94.69	+0.14	1.06
-do- Acc	92.89	97.77	+0.14	1.06
Monthly Income	143.90	153.00	+0.10	4.65
Recovery	291.80	312.00	+2.40	0.90
-do- Acc	341.70	365.40	+2.80	0.90
Gth Gth Tst	62.48	64.42	-0.01	6.82
-do- Acc	79.43	80.87	-0.02	6.82
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	347.72	369.92	+1.34	2.99
-do- Acc	702.09	746.90	+2.50	2.99
Euro Gth Dist	105.98	112.75	-0.26	0.93
-do- Acc	109.16	116.13	-0.25	0.93
Fixed Int Dist	129.99	137.50	+0.09	6.56
-do- Acc	218.35	230.96	+0.15	6.56
Intl Gth Dist	74.26	79.00	-0.39	0.79
-do- Acc	76.82	81.72	-0.40	0.79
Nth Amer Dist	171.62	181.96	+1.81	0.77
-do- Acc	186.12	197.33	+1.96	0.77
Pac Basin Dist	224.13	238.44	+1.82	0.33
-do- Acc	227.67	242.20	-1.84	0.33
Stewardship Dist	294.98	313.81	-1.19	1.96
-do- Acc	348.98	371.26	+1.40	1.96
Stwd Inc Dist	61.03	64.93	+0.34	3.90
-do- Acc	74.78	79.55	+0.41	3.90
N Am Stwd Dist	100.61	107.03	+2.09	...
-do- Acc	106.44	113.23	+2.22	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	137.20	146.80	+2.60	...
European	399.20	423.10	-0.60	1.00
Far East General	196.80	210.20	-1.00	0.34
Germany	99.15	105.00	-0.60	0.43
Global Assets In	66.43	71.04	-0.30	2.27
Global Assets Ac	69.60	74.43	-0.31	2.24
Income Inc	107.20	114.70	...	7.67
International	251.10	268.30	...	1.04
Intl Income	77.71	82.41	+0.56	4.84
Japan General	311.40	330.40	+0.60	..
Smllr Cos Div	44.76	47.88	+0.02	6.34
UK Capital Inc	152.80	163.50	-0.70	4.08
-do- Acc	261.30	279.50	-1.40	4.01
Uk Spec Sits	70.34	75.23	+0.08	1.69
US General	113.80	121.30	+1.10	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	111.90	119.70	-0.30	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.22	46.22	-0.04	1.25
Cash Trust*	127.54	127.54	+0.01	5.73
Pracs Inv Inc	101.74	109.10	+0.25	4.03
-do- Acc	217.22	232.94	+0.55	4.03
UK Smaller Cos	95.34	102.24	-0.02	1.62
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.81	26.53	-0.33	8.33
High Inc	30.62	32.75	-0.41	5.53
UK Equity Inc	125.96	134.72	-0.07	4.20
Global Bond	30.49	31.59	+0.14	5.44
International Funds				
Gold Ind	63.85	68.47	-0.51	1.71
Frontier Markets	40.96	43.92	+0.12	0.23
Global Inc Gth	121.54	129.71	+0.14	2.46
UK Intl	111.88	119.66	+1.96	0.72
Overseas Funds				
American	131.29	139.94	+1.24	0.60
European	82.33	87.23	-0.37	0.87
Euro Sel Opps	94.52	100.58	-0.26	1.27
American Emerg	78.75	84.45	+1.53	...
Hong Kong	109.87	117.82	+1.13	1.86
Japan	168.16	178.91	+0.14	...
Pacific Growth	142.88	153.22	+0.97	0.50
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	120.41	128.79	+0.63	0.47
American Gth	117.90	126.10	+1.31	...
European Gth	69.10	73.69	-0.44	0.47
German Horizn	48.23	51.44	-0.28	0.92
Japan Gth	61.69	65.98	-0.06	...
Pacific Inc	127.31	136.16	+1.00	3.00
Pacific Strategy	104.90	112.19	+0.92	...
UK Prog Inc	73.11	77.02	+0.83	4.86
Gt British Gth	48.49	51.13	+0.55	2.42
UK Small Cos	42.78	45.76	+0.21	2.13
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	130.10	130.10	...	5.84
Gilt Fixed	119.30	126.60	...	6.64
Growth Equity	282.00	301.20	...	2.27
Guardhill	417.80	446.30	...	2.59
Income Trust	103.70	110.70	...	3.82
International	150.70	160.90	...	0.32
Japan Trust	101.00	107.90	...	..
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	257.00	274.50	...	0.36
Pacific	331.30	353.90	...	0.01
Prop Shares	...	...		
Small Cos	...	...		
European	337.10	360.10	...	0.64
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 608, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	34.49	36.56	+0.30	1.81
-do- Acc	36.11	38.28	-0.30	1.81
Inc Adv Inc	29.14	30.89	+0.30	4.21
-do- Acc	30.39	32.11	+0.30	4.21
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	72.27	77.42	+1.46	0.71
Equity Income	110.90	118.00	+0.20	3.63
European	135.00	142.70	-1.00	1.49
Intl Situation	73.34	78.02	+0.66	...
Japanese	112.80	120.00	-0.10	..
North American	104.30	110.70	-1.60	0.05
Scandinavian	103.40	109.20	-0.70	0.12
Smaller Cos	29.01	30.86	+0.18	2.37
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	90.13	96.39	+0.97	...
Asian Enterprise	118.47	127.08	+0.68	0.83
Australian	132.62	141.76	+1.05	1.36
European	362.95	384.14	-0.01	0.97
European Inc	69.07	73.02	-0.08	3.04
Euro Sml Co	119.37	127.33	-0.42	0.81
Extra Income	252.59	268.90	+0.36	5.40
Family of Funds	67.26	71.82	+0.42	1.25
Fixed Interest	55.02	58.84	+0.23	9.31
Global Resour	83.39	89.51	+0.64	1.49
High Inc	276.07	295.11	+0.38	4.57
Income Gth	232.32	247.41	-0.08	3.84
-do- Acc	584.63	622.62	-0.15	3.84
International	221.47	235.69	+0.61	0.83
Japan Spc Sit	184.91	196.57	-0.64	...
Japan	158.35	168.29	-0.91	..
N Amer	231.20	246.06	+2.18	0.14
Pacific Smllr Cos	165.11	175.55	+1.04	0.87
Pref Gilt	46.59	50.63	+0.16	9.19
Smaller Cos Div	156.06	169.07	-0.27	4.37
Special Sits	248.81	266.21	-1.31	1.49
-do- Acc	382.31	409.07	-2.01	1.49
Best of British	55.23	59.25	-0.22	2.40
Spirit of the East	53.67	57.26	+0.20	0.74
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	87.41	93.48	-0.08	2.27
Capital	152.50	163.10	...	2.02
Dollar	313.60	335.40	+3.80	0.28
European	192.60	205.90	...	0.56
Far East	229.40	245.30	-1.40	0.63
Financial	648.10	693.10	-2.30	2.58
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.13	27.14	+0.03	8.00
High Yield	98.55	105.40	-0.20	5.12
Income	132.90	142.10	+0.20	3.54
Intl	206.10	220.40	+0.60	0.51
Japan Tech	53.65	57.37	+0.10	...
Nat Resources	55.59	59.45	+0.11	0.90
Security	291.40	311.60	+0.10	2.14
Smaller Cos	102.40	109.50	+0.20	1.78
Special Sits	130.50	139.50	+0.10	2.34
US Smaller Cos	65.32	69.86	+1.21	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	249.60	262.70	+1.40	1.39
Capital Gwth	101.30	106.60	...	2.50
Inv Trusts	123.90	130.40	...	0.73
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	22.37	24.61	+0.05	1.72
Special Features	26.66	28.32	+0.02	1.62
-do- Acc	31.27	33.22	+0.03	1.62
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.41	56.18	-0.06	2.32
Assets Earnings	69.65	74.00	-0.16	2.01
do Acc	81.85	86.96	-0.19	2.01
Managed Invest	81.40	86.98	+0.22	1.37
Rupert Children	75.22	80.20	-0.33	1.75
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.16	50.16	...	5.03
Extra Inc	78.38	83.94	+0.37	5.50
Gilt	27.95	29.43	+0.02	6.99
Income Gth	38.00	40.61	-0.05	3.65
MIMstar	76.89	78.79	+0.16	8.54
Preference	17.75	19.40	+0.04	6.81
UK Income	304.60	325.50	+0.60	3.36
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	53.64	56.99	+0.16	1.49
Property Shares	56.28	59.79	+0.15	2.32
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	139.70	146.90	+0.90	4.39
European Acc	110.90	117.50	...	2.03
European Dist	105.60	111.90	+0.10	2.03
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	50.21	53.36	+0.42	1.04
European Perf	107.70	114.30	-0.40	1.32
-do- Acc	109.70	116.40	-0.40	1.32
Euro Small Cos	20.37	21.72	-0.06	0.82
French Growth	69.14	73.55	-0.39	0.57
-do- Acc	73.69	78.39	-0.42	0.57
Hong K/China	67.56	73.58	+1.11	1.29
Intl Growth	48.80	51.84	+0.22	0.85
-do- Acc	48.80	51.84	+0.22	0.85
Japan Perf	25.91	27.51	+0.03	...
Accum Units	25.91	27.51	+0.03	...
Japan Smllr Cos	28.06	29.80	+0.01	..
Singapore Asean	70.64	76.58	-0.64	0.58
-do- Acc	71.08	77.06	+0.65	0.58
South East Asia	212.20	229.10	+2.10	0.96
US Smllr Cos	110.20	117.00	+1.80	...
-do- Acc	111.30	118.20	+1.80	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	82.75	88.12	+0.45	2.75
Intl Bond	57.97	58.72	+0.36	6.63
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.77	69.11	+0.01	5.58
Extra Income	50.85	54.10	-0.43	7.12
Gilt Yield	118.80	125.30	+0.10	7.99
Global Income	194.10	206.50	-0.91	4.14
High Yield	131.80	140.20	+0.50	6.26
Smllr Cos Div	44.67	47.52	+0.12	5.03
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	92.42	98.32	+1.22	...
North American	77.31	82.24	+0.09	0.43
European	130.90	139.30	+0.60	0.90
Euro Special	77.39	82.33	+0.32	1.01
General	266.30	283.30	+3.20	3.36
Japan	321.00	341.50	+0.90	...
Japanese Special	176.30	187.60	+0.90	...
Master Acc	213.70	227.30	+1.10	1.45
Pacific	246.20	261.90	+1.90	0.50
Smaller Cos	96.63	102.80	-0.40	2.25
UK Equity Gth	34.05	36.22	+0.15	2.73
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	72.75	77.39	-0.14	0.73
Extra Income	23.89	25.41	+0.09	3.52
Far East	23.65	25.16	-0.06	0.97
Income Gwth	71.93	76.52	-0.35	3.05
Intl Growth	49.56	52.72	+0.26	0.06
Japan	51.28	54.66	+0.16	...
Maximum Dist*	100.60	102.60	...	7.30
N Amer Equity	41.15	43.78	+0.18	0.49
UK Equity	86.20	91.70	+0.70	2.93
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.68	56.04	-0.07	4.75
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	418.60	445.30	-1.00	2.96
Equity Acc	795.60	846.40	-2.00	2.96
Equity Income	88.86	94.53	-1.33	5.23
European	95.73	101.90	-0.10	1.68
Far Eastern	161.40	171.70	+1.80	0.34
Fixed Interest	51.16	54.43	+0.10	7.40
Gilt	92.06	97.62	+0.12	7.00
Global Growth	62.94	66.96	+0.28	0.78
Intl Bond	57.72	61.40	+0.25	5.00
Japanese	55.62	59.17	+0.19	...
Overseas Equity	90.98	96.79	+0.20	0.82
Pacific Gth	80.45	85.98	+0.22	1.31
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834373				
Balanced	316.40	336.60	+1.60	2.96
-do- Acc	685.00	728.80	+3.40	2.96
Contl Euro Gth	51.09	53.78	-0.27	1.32
-do- Acc	54.03	56.88	-0.27	1.32
Extra Inc	238.10	253.40	+1.20	4.05
-do- Acc	579.30	616.30	+2.90	4.05
German Gth	102.20	107.60	-0.80	0.14
-do- Acc	107.20	112.90	-0.70	0.14
Growth Port	479.20	509.80	+1.20	2.17
-do- Acc	479.20	509.80	+1.20	2.17
Income	439.30	467.40	-4.40	3.84
-do- Acc	1114.0	1186.0	-10.00	3.84
Income Port	485.10	516.10	+1.20	3.98
-do- Acc	485.10	516.10	+1.20	3.98
Japan Growth	76.08	80.94	-0.96	0.01
-do- Acc	76.35	81.23	-0.96	0.01
Master Trust	51.37	54.65	+0.23	1.44
-do- Acc	55.87	59.44	+0.25	1.44
N American Gen	189.90	202.10	+4.70	0.01
-do- Acc	219.30	233.40	+5.50	0.01
Nam Sm Co Rec	134.70	143.30	+2.50	0.01
-do- Acc	137.40	146.20	+2.50	0.01
Pacific Basin	197.70	210.40	+5.20	0.50
-do- Acc	208.90	222.30	+5.40	0.50
Small-Cos Rec	288.90	304.20	+0.80	2.48
-do- Acc	372.70	392.40	+1.00	2.48
UK Growth	78.60	83.62	+0.20	2.38
-do- Acc	91.65	97.50	+0.23	2.38
Worldwide Gth	270.50	287.80	+1.90	0.25
-do- Acc	398.80	424.10	+2.90	0.25
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	76.98	82.60	+0.45	3.00
Income	59.00	63.30	+0.36	6.00
International	54.24	58.20	+0.40	0.80
American	60.69	65.12	+0.71	0.30
Japan	40.02	42.94	-0.05	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.73	57.65	+0.39	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	397.50	419.50	+5.20	0.87
-do- Acc	490.50	517.70	+6.30	0.87
American Rec	410.90	434.50	+5.20	0.49
-do- Acc	470.10	497.10	+5.90	0.49
Am Sm Co Acc	119.00	127.40	+2.10	0.06
Australia Acc	139.90	147.90	+1.10	1.56
Capital	613.50	648.80	+4.00	3.21
-do- Acc	676.90	715.90	+4.40	3.21
Commodity Acc	385.00	407.10	+1.60	1.38
Compnd Gth	794.90	840.60	+3.70	3.34
Dividend	33.50	35.80	+0.20	4.76
-do- Acc	130.40	139.50	+1.10	4.76
Equity Inc	277.50	293.50	-0.40	5.64
European Div	57.00	60.70	+0.20	4.90
-do- Acc	64.50	68.60	+0.20	4.90
European Gen	379.80	401.60	+1.20	1.47
-do- Acc	474.50	501.70	+1.50	1.47
Extra Yield	356.40	381.30	+2.10	4.85
-do- Acc	1024.1	1095.7	+6.10	4.85
Far Eastern	265.80	281.10	+3.30	1.33
-do- Acc	349.50	369.70	+4.20	1.33
Fund of Inv	486.80	514.80	+1.80	2.44
-do- Acc	878.30	928.90	+3.20	2.44
General	52.00	55.00	+0.30	3.96
-do- Acc	136.90	144.60	+0.80	3.96
Gilt Fxd Int	62.10	62.10	+0.10	8.46
do Acc	153.50	153.50	+0.20	8.46
Gold	36.70	38.80	+0.20	2.01
-do- Acc	43.00	45.40	+0.20	2.01
High Inc	23.50	25.10	...	5.09
-do- Acc	86.90	92.90	...	5.09
Intl Growth	66.00	69.80	+0.40	1.13
-do- Acc	113.80	120.40	+0.80	1.13
Intl Inc	90.20	95.60	+0.50	5.11
Japan Gen Acc	40.50	42.90	+0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	117.60	124.30	+0.50	...
Midland	49.90	52.80	+0.30	4.44
-do- Acc	157.80	166.90	+0.90	4.44
Recovery	34.20	36.80	+0.30	3.44
-do- Acc	53.70	57.50	+0.40	3.44
Second Gen	58.10	61.40	+0.50	3.95
-do- Acc	142.10	150.20	+1.20	3.95
Smaller Cos	55.80	59.20	+0.40	3.79
-do- Acc	105.80	112.20	+0.70	3.79
Trustee	36.80	38.90	+0.30	4.36
Charibond 3	‡112.08	...	+0.30	9.62
Charifund 2	610.30	616.50	+2.80	5.19
Pension ex 1	850.90	872.20	+6.50	4.56
NAACIF Inc 3	345.50	...	+0.30	7.81
-do- Acc 3	‡1072.2	...	+4.50	7.81
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	132.30	141.40	+0.07	2.57
-do- Acc	146.90	157.10	+0.07	2.57
UK Income	109.20	116.80	-0.17	3.15
-do- Acc	121.80	130.30	-0.17	3.15
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	75.98	81.26	+0.81	0.62
Far East (Pacific)	122.90	130.40	-0.90	0.78
Income Growth	70.31	74.63	+0.12	4.34
European	65.89	69.94	+0.19	1.98
Nth American	58.31	61.90	+0.57	1.17
UK Growth	75.86	80.53	+0.32	1.47
Intl Growth	88.14	93.86	+1.47	0.73
Charities	105.60	112.00	+0.30	4.71
Intl Income	64.38	68.31	+0.32	4.44
Japan	40.75	43.25	...	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	191.00	202.60	+1.80	...
-do- Acc	204.10	216.50	+1.90	...
Cash	100.70	100.70	+0.10	5.99
-do- Acc	128.10	128.10	...	5.99
European Gth	192.70	204.50	-0.30	0.34
-do- Acc	206.30	218.90	-0.40	0.34
General	451.30	481.40	+4.90	2.70
-do- Acc	858.70	916.00	+6.90	2.70
Global Dist	136.60	143.50	+0.70	5.43
-do- Acc	149.70	157.20	+0.80	5.43
Income	134.90	143.90	+1.90	5.06
-do- Acc	197.50	210.60	+2.60	5.06
International	369.40	393.60	+2.30	0.95
-do- Acc	490.00	522.10	+3.20	0.95
Japan	150.10	159.10	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	154.10	163.40	-0.10	...
New Europe	132.40	141.20	-0.80	1.42
-do- Acc	134.90	143.90	-0.90	1.42
Recovery	283.00	301.50	+2.60	2.32
-do- Acc	353.60	377.20	+3.20	2.32
European Inc	73.86	78.14	+0.05	3.00
-do- Acc	93.70	99.13	+0.07	3.00
Brit Blue Chip	71.78	76.45	+0.56	3.61
-do- Acc	84.07	89.52	+0.65	3.61
Portfolio	73.46	78.13	+0.55	3.06
-do- Acc	82.31	87.54	+0.60	3.06
Gold General	64.11	68.39	+0.60	3.55
-do- Acc	64.98	69.32	+0.65	3.55
Pacific	86.06	91.80	+1.15	0.54
-do- Acc	90.97	97.04	+1.21	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	48.80	52.08	+0.08	1.10
-do- Acc	54.47	58.11	+0.09	1.10
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 200. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	57.00	60.96	+0.01	3.37
-do- Acc	57.00	60.96	+0.01	3.37
British Dist	75.39	80.63	-0.23	2.32
-do- Acc	85.30	91.23	-0.26	2.32
European Gth	167.30	178.50	-0.40	0.21
-do- Acc	210.00	224.10	-0.40	0.21
Extra High Inc	67.85	72.51	-0.02	6.53
-do- Acc	117.90	126.10	-0.10	6.53
FT-SE 100 Index	48.00	51.34	-0.22	3.23
-do- Acc	48.00	51.34	-0.22	3.23
Gilt Fixed Int	56.21	58.57	+0.04	7.13
-do- Acc	147.90	154.10	-0.10	7.13
High Yield	213.10	227.90	-0.10	5.15
-do- Acc	489.00	523.00	-0.30	5.15
Income	270.90	289.70	...	3.93
-do- Acc	563.20	602.40	+0.10	3.93
Japan Gth	269.30	288.00	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	284.20	304.00	+0.60	...
Mandarin Acc	93.77	100.30	+0.63	1.25
North American	167.60	179.30	+1.20	0.91
-do- Acc	210.60	225.20	+1.30	0.91
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	259.50	276.30	+4.10	0.45
Deposit Inc	100.17	100.17	+0.01	6.58
Deposit Acc	121.41	121.41	+0.01	6.58
Euro Gth Acc	255.20	272.40	+1.70	...
Europa	116.70	125.40	+1.10	...
Intl Gth	160.00	170.70	+1.00	...
Japan Tracker	59.59	63.13	-0.08	...
UK Equity Inc	142.10	152.90	+1.10	5.13
-do- Acc	171.10	184.10	+1.30	5.13
UK Ind Tracker	140.50	150.40	+0.90	3.51
US Eq Ind Trkr	197.60	209.40	+2.10	1.24
-do- Acc	209.00	221.50	+2.20	1.24
Asian Trader	144.70	157.20	+1.60	1.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	174.10	178.00	+1.60	2.64
European	59.75	61.10	-0.07	1.29
Olympiad	52.41	53.80	+0.39	0.91
Global Bond	48.34	48.87	+0.22	7.02
Smaller Cos	59.52	62.17	+0.11	1.87
Equity Income	91.25	93.83	+0.95	4.99
UK Growth	81.89	84.25	+0.69	1.86
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	48.78	52.03	+0.72	0.71
Australian Acc	291.70	312.90	+2.20	...
Conscience	62.65	66.86	+0.07	1.48
-do- Acc	67.27	71.79	+0.07	1.48
European	168.90	180.10	-0.70	1.22
-do- Acc	180.20	192.20	-0.70	1.22
Extra Income	70.90	75.66	-0.03	6.25
-do- Acc	106.90	114	...	6.25
Far East Gth	147	157.10	+1.10	0.12
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.91	61.30	+0.02	7.52
Gold	29.13	31.32	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	31.37	33.73	+0.22	...
Income	50.88	54.27	-0.13	5.53
-do- Acc	152.60	162.70	-0.30	5.53
International	28.51	30.59	+0.10	0.95
-do- Acc	40.96	43.94	+0.13	0.95
Jap Sm Cos Acc	248.80	265.30	+0.50	...
S pore Mly Acc	157.60	169	+5.00	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.62	25.39	-0.02	2.01
Special Sits	31.73	34.11	+0.11	1.82
-do- Acc	36.21	38.93	+0.14	1.82
Tokyo	64.97	69.30	-0.14	...
-do- Acc	65.63	70	-0.14	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	66.76	71.03	-0.37	2.96
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.39	77.67	+0.09	7.04
N&P Higher Inc	181.10	192.20	+0.30	5.04
N&P UK Income	98.07	104.89	...	4.14
N&P Intl	84.47	90.83	+0.02	1.98
N&P Smaller Cos	70.67	75.59	-0.08	1.79
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	159.20	169.37	+0.06	2.54
Global	269.76	286.98	+4.50	1.29
Growth	102.91	109.48	+0.07	2.50
Income	196.27	208.80	+0.40	4.60
Intl Bond	128.17	136.36	-0.62	8.30
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	137.10	144.20	+0.30	2.78
-do- Acc	237.40	249.80	+0.70	2.78
Income	214.90	228.60	+1.30	3.82
Intl Equity	209.60	222.90	+0.60	1.13
-do- Acc	229.40	244.00	+0.70	1.13
Equity	214.00	227.60	+0.90	2.66
-do- Acc	433.80	461.40	+1.80	2.66
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.19	71.47	+0.27	2.12
UK Income	58.42	62.15	+0.41	3.39
UK Smllr Co Acc	67.53	71.83	+0.23	1.76
New Europe Acc	61.55	65.47	-0.14	1.56
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	84.69	90.58	+0.62	0.25
PEP Gth Inc	94.99	101.60	+0.30	1.50
Intl Gth	442.31	473.06	-2.11	0.91
Income	282.45	302.09	-3.17	4.13
W wide Recov	275.81	294.99	-1.87	1.06
American Gth	197.55	211.29	-1.17	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	170.43	182.28	+0.09	0.19
Far East Gth	177.22	189.55	-2.23	0.28
European Gth	109.76	117.40	-0.79	1.02
UK Growth	71.85	76.85	-0.20	3.07
High Income	77.93	83.35	-0.34	5.13
Japanese Gth	160.85	171.56	-0.71	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	167.50	178.20	+0.70	0.92
High Income	107.40	114.30	+0.50	3.76
Conv Gilt	109.00	115.90	+0.30	6.68
Far East	281.50	299.40	+1.90	0.19
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.29	53.50	+0.56	0.55
Emerging Mkts	61.42	65.34	+1.03	0.23
General	47.32	50.34	-0.22	3.40
International	82.14	87.38	+0.53	1.30
Gilt Units	25.65	26.44	...	8.05
Global FEP	35.07	37.31	+0.02	2.09
Income Gth	62.18	66.15	-0.16	5.32
European	42.90	45.64	-0.05	1.16
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.47	27.10	+0.01	6.15
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Pricebank: 0426 925891				
Pru Mngd Tst**	29.26	31.31	-0.05	1.62
Pru Gilt Hvn Inc	101.08	101.08	+0.02	5.62
-do- Acc	104.14	104.14	+0.02	5.62
Pru Equity	652.13	697.46	-1.71	2.43
Pru Equity Inc	78.78	84.25	-0.09	4.50
Pru European	172.25	184.22	-0.26	1.63
Pru Global Gth	76.24	81.53	+0.02	1.58
Pru High Inc	85.70	91.65	-0.03	5.61
Pru Intl	151.41	161.93	+0.42	1.34
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.23	68.69	+0.32	0.94
Pru Japanese	143.92	153.92	-0.01	...
Pru Nth Amer	143.92	153.92	+1.19	0.45
Pru Pacific Mkt	72.08	77.09	+0.47	1.82
Pru Premr Inc	48.78	51.83	+0.14	7.39
Pru Smllr Cos	79.53	85.08	+0.17	2.03
Pru Spec Sits	97.03	103.77	+0.19	2.23
Pru UK Growth	108.04	115.55	-0.30	2.34
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/6				
NC Income	153.23	164.83	+0.15	3.66
NC Japan	215.17	230.58	-1.00	...
NC Maj UK Cos	93.01	100.02	+0.59	2.52
NC America Inc	472.54	506.57	+6.63	0.57
-do- Acc	548.86	588.38	+7.70	0.57
NC Smlr UK Cos	248.88	271.05	+1.10	1.87
NC European	248.51	264.86	-0.65	1.53
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 829020 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	73.10	77.76	+0.81	3.93
Capital Units	139.90	148.80	-0.60	1.50
Commodity	94.41	100.40	+0.56	1.33
European Gth	150.00	159.50	+0.50	1.45
Financial Sec	165.50	176.00	-0.10	2.02
High Return	206.90	220.10	-0.60	4.94
High Yield	203.90	216.90	-0.60	4.41
Income Units	107.00	113.80	+0.30	5.15
Investment	166.40	177.00	-0.70	1.56
Japan Gth	112.30	119.40	-0.30	...
Japan Smaller	153.10	162.80	-1.00	...
Masterfund	44.09	46.90	+0.27	1.02
Scotbits	241.00	256.30	+0.10	2.16
Scotshares	245.70	261.30	+1.30	2.76
Scotyields	218.80	222.70	+1.50	3.99
Select Intl	124.80	132.70	+0.70	0.20
Smaller Cos	209.10	222.40	+0.80	4.61
Special Situation	106.10	112.80	-0.30	0.80
UK Equity	219.10	233.00	+0.90	3.02
US Growth	141.90	150.90	-1.90	0.30
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	240.56	256.59	-1.38	0.70
-do- Acc	259.88	277.21	-1.48	0.70
Australian	130.71	139.42	-0.06	0.25
-do- Acc	153.16	163.37	-0.07	0.25
UK Enterprise	202.07	215.54	+0.87	3.02
-do- Acc	233.43	248.99	+1.01	3.02
European Gth	61.57	65.67	-0.26	1.32
-do- Acc	63.74	67.98	+0.27	1.32
Euro Smllr Cos	55.72	59.43	+0.17	0.69
-do- Acc	56.10	59.83	+0.17	0.69
Far Eastern Gth	63.60	67.83	+0.42	...
-do- Acc	64.71	69.02	+0.43	...
Fixed Interest	52.14	54.98	+0.09	8.60
-do- Acc	64.07	67.56	+0.11	8.60
Gilt Income	102.33	107.84	+0.03	8.45
-do- Acc	143.01	150.70	+0.03	8.45
Income	295.94	315.66	+0.21	4.55
-do- Acc	873.08	931.27	+0.61	4.55
Japan Enterprise	51.56	54.99	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	51.56	54.99	-0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	331.53	353.63	+1.83	...
-do- Acc	332.20	354.34	+1.83	...
Pacific Gth	82.72	88.23	+0.73	0.54
-do- Acc	85.30	90.98	+0.75	0.54
Smaller Cos	181.28	193.36	-0.06	1.30
-do- Acc	207.75	221.60	-0.07	1.30
Tokyo	81.71	87.15	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	82.54	88.03	-0.51	...
UK Equity	201.99	215.45	+0.14	3.19
-do- Acc	374.06	399.00	+0.26	3.19
US Smllr Cos	128.12	136.66	-0.29	...
-do- Acc	128.12	136.66	-0.29	...
World Fd	67.77	72.28	...	1.73
-do- Acc	71.51	76.28	...	1.73
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	42.85	45.63	+1.26	4.38
Equity Strategy	61.46	65.45	+0.80	1.86
European Opps	71.64	76.30	+0.34	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.85	100.43	+0.03	5.68
UK Smaller Cos	47.30	50.80	+0.73	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	338.80	362.28	-1.10	2.49
American	252.00	267.50	+2.20	0.43
Pacific	290.90	311.10	+1.40	0.83
European	448.70	479.90	-0.60	1.25
Worldwide	76.48	81.80	+0.08	1.39
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	301.50	320.80	-1.60	2.85
UK Sm Cos Eqy	191.10	203.30	+0.50	2.72
European	325.80	346.70	-1.40	1.78
North American	254.50	270.80	+4.00	0.61
Income Plus Inc	63.67	67.74	-0.05	3.99
UK Spec Sits	64.48	68.60	+0.20	2.82
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.05	25.81	+0.38	3.18
Intl Growth Acc	27.31	29.23	+0.11	1.11
Global Inc Acc	30.68	32.84	+0.12	3.99
Market Ldrs Acc	25.59	27.39	+0.12	3.07
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	83.77	89.59	+0.96	...
Euro Spec Sits	43.00	45.70	+0.02	...
-do- Acc	45.53	48.39	+0.02	...
Far East Opps	30.05	32.19	+0.31	...
-do- Acc	30.88	33.08	+0.32	...
General Growth	97.74	104.70	-0.30	2.39
Global Tech	117.10	126.40	+1.40	...
Income Growth	98.20	105.90	-0.20	3.91
Income Monthly	56.03	59.92	-0.11	5.25
Japan Growth	65.36	69.52	+0.14	...
Overseas Gth	72.71	77.40	+0.36	...
Smaller Cos	69.95	74.13	+0.07	1.91
Special Opps	97.39	104.70	+0.70	2.00
Wld Spec Sits	44.17	47.57	+0.13	...
-do- Acc	44.27	47.66	+0.13	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	43.12	45.82	+0.30	1.89
Equity Gth Acc	57.98	61.61	+0.50	1.25
UK Eq General	42.13	44.77	+0.60	2.40
-do- Acc	55.20	58.75	+0.70	2.40
European Acc	41.24	43.82	...	1.31
Far East Acc	48.06	51.07	-0.10	0.35
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.83	32.61	+0.10	6.49
N American Acc	45.22	48.05	-0.10	0.75
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	257.90	279.90	-0.10	1.72
UK Eq High Inc	34.75	36.93	+0.40	3.97
-do- Acc	40.30	43.25	+0.50	3.97
UK Lgr Cos Inc	289.00	313.60	+3.70	3.83
UK Lgr Cos Acc	371.70	403.30	+4.80	3.83
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N283.35	N287.55	...	1.11
US Eq	$2.006	$2.013	...	0.71
Far East Eq	Y193.3	Y205.8	...	..
Japan Eq	Y197.9	Y210.2	...	..
FT Europe	112.80	119.80	..	1.67
FT North Am	$1.700	$1.805	..	0.89
FT Japan	Y193.7	Y205.1	...	..
FT Asia Ex Jap	118.40	125.70	...	1.41
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	355.30	377.40	+4.20	0.29
British	910.40	963.20	+1.80	4.68
European	374.70	398.20	-1.00	1.60
Japan	119.70	127.30	-0.30	..
New Pacific	286.80	305.40	+1.90	1.35
Mngd Cash	96.06	96.06	...	5.39
Majority Stg	100.25	101.25	+0.01	5.27
Inv Tst	178.70	189.40	+0.30	2.03
Salnts PPP	366.00	385.30	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin: 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	718.40	768.30	+0.80	2.35
N America Acc	114.10	122.00	+1.10	0.05
Far East Acc	109.30	116.90	-0.50	...
W wide Bond	63.61	67.53	-0.53	5.17
European	81.63	87.30	-0.29	0.59
Equity Income	80.62	86.22	+0.32	3.77
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	35.02	37.46	+0.24	0.86
Managed Assets	116.26	124.35	-0.39	3.92
UK Income	36.21	38.73	+0.27	3.45
UK Growth	35.81	38.31	+0.10	3.01
Worldwide Gth	29.17	31.20	+0.11	0.61
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	206.06	219.21	+2.49	0.19
-do- Acc	226.31	240.76	+2.73	0.19
British Gth	84.10	89.67	-0.35	2.22
-do- Acc	98.14	104.41	-0.40	2.22
European	90.62	96.40	+0.26	1.18
-do- Acc	95.59	101.69	+0.28	1.18
Extra Inc	179.09	190.52	-1.49	4.34
-do- Acc	285.65	303.88	-2.38	4.34
General Unit	257.20	273.71	-0.43	2.66
-do- Acc	507.60	540.09	-0.84	2.66
Income	312.18	332.10	-5.48	3.93
-do- Acc	635.86	676.44	-11.15	3.93
International	476.12	506.51	-1.71	0.67
-do- Acc	622.37	662.09	-2.23	0.67
Pacific	314.92	335.02	-5.16	0.04
-do- Acc	329.82	350.87	-5.41	0.04
Premier Income	50.87	52.90	+0.04	7.75
-do- Acc	104.47	108.82	+0.08	7.75
Nat Resources	89.38	95.08	+0.86	0.98
-do- Acc	98.01	104.26	+0.94	0.91
Selected Opps	90.13	95.88	-0.25	1.26
-do- Acc	112.54	119.73	-0.31	1.26
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	126.20	134.80	+1.20	0.23
Australia	7.178	7.710	+0.010	1.04
Equity	180.00	192.60	-0.50	4.43
Euro Spec Sits	141.20	149.80	+0.10	0.58
Financial	38.49	41.19	-0.01	2.95
Global Opps Inc	87.29	93.21	+0.63	2.16
-do- Acc	90.48	96.61	+0.65	2.16
Gold Gen Inc	40.97	43.98	+0.36	1.00
-do- Acc	78.18	83.90	+0.70	1.00
Income	116.40	124.60	+0.60	4.95
Japan General	123.30	131.20	+0.50	..
Preference	21.99	23.61	+0.01	7.68
UK Capital	101.50	108.40	-0.60	3.11
Worldwide Cap	194.20	207.50	-0.50	3.10
World Income	82.71	88.12	+0.11	3.45
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smi Cos	69.60	74.24	-0.96	...
-do- Acc	71.78	76.56	-0.99	...
Cash	51.38	51.38	...	6.24
-do- Acc	61.15	61.15	...	6.34
European Opps	62.53	66.66	-0.03	0.44
-do- Acc	63.18	67.36	-0.02	0.44
Far East Opps	136.79	145.90	+0.02	0.66
-do- Acc	139.98	149.31	+0.02	0.66
Gold/Nat. Res	37.48	39.97	-0.21	..
-do- Acc	38.56	41.13	-0.23	..
Japan	63.32	67.48	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	63.32	67.48	+0.10	0.72
Little Dragons	65.13	69.47	+0.17	0.72
-do- Acc	66.82	71.27	+0.19	0.72
Oriental Income	40.46	43.15	+0.11	3.69
-do- Acc	51.09	54.47	+0.15	3.69
Tiger	208.18	222.05	+0.96	1.19
-do- Acc	217.76	232.27	+1.02	1.19
UK Small Cos	65.51	70.06	+0.20	2.33
-do- Acc	76.29	81.59	+0.24	2.33
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	204.80	218.40	...	...
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	11.62	12.36	+0.19	0.50
Pacific Basin	30.27	32.20	+0.10	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.18	39.55	+0.40	0.10
Global Bond	$0.957	$0.997	-0.000	7.22
Penny Share	20.83	22.15	+0.28	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.26	52.26	+0.01	5.83
Gilt Growth	66.09	68.79	-0.13	...
Gilt Income	53.02	55.22	+0.14	8.00
Short Dtd Gilt	110.10	111.50	+0.10	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.712	$0.732	-0.000	..
Challenger	94.25	96.45	+0.60	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388046				
Stockmarket Fd	66.21	70.43	-0.15	2.24

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	4,800	Coats Vyla	1,800	Legal & Gn	815	Scot & New	619
Alld-Lyons	4,300	Cm Union	160	Lloyds Bk	4,300	Scot Power	1,100
Anglian W	556	Courtaulds	1,300	MB Cardn	509	Sears	2,900
Argyll Gp	4,000	De La Rue	299	Marks Spr	3,400	Svrn Trent	302
Arjo Wig	3,800	Eng China	310	NFC	655	Shell Trans	3,400
AB Foods	583	Enterpr Oil	865	NatWst Bk	6,800	Siebe	700
BAA	1,500	Fisons	1,600	Nat Power	1,200	SmKl Bch	1,600
BAT Inds	2,900	Forte	2,400	Nth Wst W	836	Smith Nph	1,400
BOC	756	GRE	1,900	Nthrn Fds	1,200	Smith (WH)	742
BP	12,000	GUS A	141	P & O	529	Sthrn Elec	286
BT	7,100	Gen Acc	949	Pearson	664	Std Chartd	1,600
BTR	2,000	Gen Elec	3,600	PowerGen	357	Sun Allnce	2,200
Bk of Scot	1,600	Glaxo	4,500	Prudential	2,200	TI Gp	1,200
Barclays	53,000	Granada	983	RTZ	680	TSB	4,400
Bass	1,900	Grand Met	2,200	Rank Org	487	Tate & Lyle	276
Blue Circle	795	Guinness	3,800	Reckitt Col	1,200	Tesco	5,600
Boots	1,400	HSBC	6,400	Redland	2,900	Thames W	1,500
Bowater	1,400	Hanson	4,900	Reed Intl	475	Thrn EMI	544
Brit Airwys	2,100	ICI	3,000	Rentokil	297	Tomkins	2,800
Brit Gas	7,900	Inchcape	1,100	Reuters	431	Unilever	1,000
Brit Steel	9,700	Kingfisher	1,000	Rothmans	724	Utd Bisc	1,900
Burmah C	343	Kwik Save	31	Ryl Ins	1,400	Vodafone	2,300
Cable Wire	2,000	LASMO	1,000	Ryl Bk Scot	2,900	Wellcome	1,200
Cadbury	3,700	Ladbroke	14,000	Sainsbury	2,200	Whitbd 'A'	1,000
Carlton C	264	Land Secs	2,200	Scot Hydro	1,600	Wllms Hld	5,100

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3393.51 (-10.53)
S&P Composite 447.07 (-2.19)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 16759.61 (-94.31)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6467.80 (-31.16)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 101.0 (+1.1)

Sydney: AO 1622.9 (-3.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1687.40 (-6.33)

FT 30 share: 2256.3 (-8.1)

Brussels:
General 5980.25 (-13.80)

Paris: CAC 528.85 (-2.47)

Zurich: SKA Gen 480.5 (-1.4)

London:
FT A All-Share 1415.75 (-3.97)
FT 500 1554.09 (-4.22)
FT Gold Mines 88.6 (-0.2)
FT Fixed Interest 113.02 (+0.28)
FT Govt Secs 97.12 (-0.13)
Bargains 35907
SEAQ Volume 660.1m
USM (Datastrm) 131.79 (+0.01)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 22	March 5	June 3	June 14

Call options were taken out on 4/3/93: ASDA, Clinton Cards, Crest Nicholson, Hartstone, Norex, Regalian, Smith & Nephew, Tomorrows Leisure, Transfer Technology, Volex.
Puts: Corporate Services, Norex. **Puts & Calls:** Amstrad, Ferranti, Tesco.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 54348)	Mar 93	2923.0	2930.0	2904.0	2910.0	10610
	Jun 93	2940.0	2945.5	2924.0	2927.5	2159
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 288102)	Mar 93	94.08	94.08	93.96	93.97	14552
	Jun 93	94.62	94.63	94.51	94.52	17844
	Sep 93	94.75	94.75	94.68	94.69	3732
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 24387)	Mar 93	96.81	96.85	96.81	96.85	677
	Jun 93	96.70	96.74	96.70	96.75	1038
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 492357)	Mar 93	92.04	92.05	91.91	91.94	54311
	Jun 93	93.14	93.15	93.01	93.03	60251
US Treasury Bond (Previous open interest: 380)	Mar 93	113-03	113-04	113-03	113-24	31
	Jun 93				112-14	0
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 80728)	Mar 93	105-23	105-23	105-14	105-15	1218
	Jun 93	106-16	106-19	106-03	106-08	24232
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93				112.09	0
	Jun 93	111.30	111.43	111.26	111.42	1171
German Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 145072)	Mar 93	95.90	96.15	95.59	95.88	32869
	Jun 93	96.32	96.44	95.92	96.20	113892
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 17492)	Mar 93	90.77	90.77	90.58	90.58	982
	Jun 93	91.83	91.85	91.68	91.71	894
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 48746)	Mar 93	94.78	94.79	94.71	94.73	4358
	Jun 93	95.54	95.54	95.43	95.44	5453
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 44274)	Mar 93	96.65	96.85	96.54	96.60	1053
	Jun 93	96.50	96.76	96.40	96.45	1249

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 77.3 (day's range 77.2-77.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for March 4	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6723-2.6852	2.6829-2.6763	⅜-¼ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Brussels	48.89-49.27	48.89-48.99	8-12ds	31-36ds
Copenhagen	9.1060-9.1650	9.1130-9.1350	10-11¼ds	21½-24ds
Dublin	0.9854-0.9880	0.9857-0.9878	44-54ds	131-149ds
Frankfurt	2.3736-2.3888	2.3742-2.3774	⅜-½ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Lisbon	218.37-219.39	218.67-219.13	151-163ds	453-485ds
Madrid	170.86-171.95	171.07-171.35	168-182ds	374-399ds
Milan	2263.20-2273.80	2264.50-2273.40	9-11ds	28-31ds
Montreal	1.7977-1.8065	1.8045-1.8065	0.18-0.06pr	0.21-0.04pr
New York	1.4480-1.4545	1.4535-1.4545	0.39-0.37pr	1.02-0.99pr
Oslo	10.0920-10.1610	10.1300-10.1530	1½-3⅛ds	6⅛-8¼ds
Paris	8.0400-8.1170	8.1030-8.1170	3½-4ds	11¼-11¾ds
Stockholm	11.0920-11.1460	11.1190-11.1420	2-4⅜ds	8½-11⅜ds
Tokyo	169.41-169.75	169.55-169.75	½-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	16.70-16.84	16.70-16.75	2-2⅞ds	6⅞-8⅝ds
Zurich	2.2013-2.2116	2.2049-2.2080	⅛-⅛pr	½-¼pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4475-1.4501
Australia dollar	2.0478-2.0500
Bahrain dinar	0.5470-0.5474
Brazil cruzeiro *	29998.0-30019.0
Cyprus pound	0.705-0.715
Finland markka	8.6454-8.6629
Greece drachma	320.86-321.69
Hong Kong dollar	11.2180-11.2272
India rupee	45.96-46.92
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4427-0.4430
Malaysia ringgit	3.7959-3.8001
Mexico peso	4.4879-4.4939
New Zealand dollar	2.7429-2.7500
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4427-5.4448
Singapore dollar	2.3830-2.3853
S Africa rand (fin)	6.6422-6.6590
S Africa rand (com)	4.5805-4.5850
U A E dirham	5.3286-5.3311

Barclays Bank GTS * *Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4114-1.4124
Austria	11.5300-11.5350
Belgium (Com)	33.74-33.77
Canada	1.2435-1.2440
Denmark	6.2901-6.2931
France	5.5685-5.5715
Germany	1.6390-1.6400
Hong Kong	7.7312-7.7322
Ireland	1.4791-1.4801
Italy	1564.0-1565.0
Japan	116.96-117.03
Malaysia	2.6155-2.6175
Netherlands	1.8435-1.8445
Norway	6.9725-6.9775
Portugal	150.86-150.96
Singapore	1.6420-1.6430
Spain	117.78-117.83
Sweden	7.6600-7.6729
Switzerland	1.5230-1.5240

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7½ Low 5 Week fixed: 6⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¹¹⁄₁₆; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth: 5⁹⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5²³⁄₃₂-5²¹⁄₃₂	5²³⁄₃₂-5²¹⁄₃₂	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5⅞-5⁹⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾
	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5⅝

Overnight: open 6¼, close 5

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	6⅛	n/a	6	5¾	5⅞
Sterling CDs	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6-5¾	5⅞-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¾
Dollar CDs	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.10-3.07	3.16-3.13	3.32-3.29
Building Society CDs	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-5²⁹⁄₃₂	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5⅝

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Feb 26, 1993 Agreed rates Mar 24, 1993 to Apr 25, 1993 Scheme I: 7.35%. Schemes II & III: 7.47%. Reference rate Jan 30, 1993 to Feb 26, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.228%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3⅛-3¼	3¼-2½
Deutschemark	8⅞-8⅝	8⅞-8⅝	8⅛-7¹⁵⁄₁₆	7⅝-7½	8⅛-7¾
French Franc	11¾-11½	11¾-11½	11¹¹⁄₁₆-...	10½-10¼	11¾-10¾
Swiss Franc	5⅝-5¼	5⅞-5⅝	5⅛-5⅛	5-4⅞	5⅛-4¼
Yen	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3¼-2¼

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $328.00-328.40 Close: $328.05-328.55 High: $328.70-329.20 Low: $327.50-328.00 Krugerrand: $327.00-329.00 (£225.00-227.00)
Sovereigns: Old $78.00-81.00 (£51.50-53.50) New $78.00-81.00 (£51.50-53.50)
Platinum: $340.75 (£235.00) **Silver:** $3.57 (£2.445) **Palladium:** $104.50 (£72.05)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon..	550	45	58	65	5½	22	27
(*582½)	600	13	29	41	24	47	53
ASDA....	57	10½	14	16	2½	5	6½
(*64½)	67	4	9½	11	6	10	11
Bass....	550	48	62	73	6½	18	25
(*583½)	600	16	34	47	26	43	50
Boots....	500	24	37	45	13	29	34
(*506)	550	5	16	25	46	60	65
Br Airway	280	21	29	35	7	20	24
(*292½)	300	10½	20	25	17	31	34
BP....	260	34	41	44	2½	8	11
(*288)	280	15	27	30	6½	14	19
	300	8	17	23	16	25	29
Br Steel...	80	13	15	17	3	7	10
(*90½)	90	3½	5	12	7½	12½	14
C & W....	700	46	66	79	11	30	38
(*730½)	750	18	40	53	33	55	65
CU....	550	49	65	75	5	14	22
(*616½)	600	16	36	45	23	34	45
Courtauld	550	52	65	75	6	21	28
(*592)	600	20	37	50	25	45	53
GKN....	460	25	36	40	14	24	33
(*476½)	500	7	19	25	42	48	57
Grnd Met.	420	39	55	62	5	16	22
(*454½)	460	14	32	41	20	34	40
ICI....	1150	107	122	152	17	41	54
(*1249½)	1200	60	92	122	35	62	74
	1250	30	67	95	64	88	100
Kingfishr.	535	20	34	42	19	38	45
(*528½)	564	5	16	25	55	70	75
Ladbroke.	180	27	31	38	5	13	19
(*200)	200	12	21	27	14	23	30
Land Sec..	460	34	39	45	4	17	19
(*489½)	500	10	17	24	20	40	42
M & S....	330	17	24	31	7½	17	21
(*336)	360	5	13	16	26	36	38
Sainsbury..	500	34	45	55	8	20	27
(*523)	550	8½	20	31	34	49	54
Shell....	550	35	51	57	4½	12½	19
(*574)	600	7½	23	29	30	36	43
Smkl Bch..	420	45	58	67	5	14	21
(*457½)	460	15	35	44	18	32	37
Storehse...	180	15	23	29	5	15	15
(*185½)	200	6½	14	19	21	27	31
Trafalgar...	74	7	11	14	4	6½	9
(*77½)	93	4	7½	10½	8½	11½	14
Unilever..	1200	29	65	89	33	53	59
(*1209½)	1250	10	37	62	67	83	90
Utd Bisc..	360	23	33	40	10	18	22
(*378½)	390	7½	18	25	29	35	38

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA....	750	45	56	71	19	33	41
(*767½)	800	19	32	47	47	61	68
BAT Ind..	900	57	72	78	26	36	53
(*932½)	950	26	45	56	53	62	79
BTR....	550	36	44	49	11	15	24
(*575½)	600	9½	18	24	39	42	50
Br Aero..	260	40	57	67	17	26	34
(*282½)	280	31	44	57	25	34	44
Br Telcm..	420	26	33	39	9½	20	24
(*428½)	460	5	15	20	33	43	47
Cadbury...	460	36	45	54	12	15	25
(*490)	500	14	27	34	32	38	44
Guinness..	420	35	43	53	13	20	26
(*444)	460	15	26	33	35	40	47
GEC....	300	18	24	27	8	15½	19
(*306)	330	5½	10	14½	26	34	37
Hanson....	240	20½	23	26½	5	9	12½
(*252½)	260	9	13½	16½	13	19	23
LASMO....	180	15	23	27	17	22	27
(*181)	200	8½	15	21	30	35	40
Lucas....	140	13	18	21	10	14	20
(*142½)	160	5½	11	14	26	29	35
P & O....	550	37	48	58	23	40	57
(*570½)	600	15	27	37	60	70	87
Pilkingtn..	100	17	20	24	6	9½	13
(*108½)	110	11	15	19	10	16	18
Prudential	300	36	39	46	6	10	15
(*333)	330	15	22	30	17	23	29
RTZ....	650	44	60	74	22	33	45
(*681)	700	19	36	49	52	62	72
Scot New..	420	35	43	49	11	24	29
(*444)	460	15	23	30	32	47	52
Tesco....	240	17	23	29	13	17	22
(*244½)	260	8	14	19	25	30	32
Thames W	500	37	43	48	9½	23	27
(*523½)	550	11	17	24	38	55	58
Vodafone..	390	41	50	61	11	20	26
(*410½)	420	23	34	45	25	34	41

FT-SE INDEX (*2904½)

	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000	3050
Calls						
Mar	119	76	39	17	6	2
Apr	139	101	70	45	28	16
May	159	125	95	68	49	35
Jun	188	150	117	95	73	52
Dec	260	-	205	-	155	-
Puts						
Mar	6½	14	30	61	101	150
Apr	23	35	55	82	116	155
May	40	54	73	121	156	205
Jun	50	66	87	110	130	175
Dec	105	-	140	-	188	-

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat.	360	23	30	38	6	15	21
(*383)	390	5	15	24	23	31	37
Amstrad...	25	3	4½	6	1½	3	4
(*27)	30	1	3½	4	5	5½	7
Barclays ..	420	5	21	32	36	45	54
(*392½)	460	2	10	18	72	76	83
Blue Circ..	220	15	22	29	6½	18	24
(*225)	240	6½	13	20	19	31	35
Br Gas...	280	26	30	34	1	6½	10½
(*304½)	300	10	16	22	4½	15	18
	330	1½	5	10	26	36	38
Dixons...	220	11	22	27	7	16	24
(*222½)	240	3½	14	19	20	28	36
Eurotnnl...	460	42	54	60	14	30	41
(*482½)	500	13	42	60	28	50	62
Forte....	180	21	25	32	3	12	16
(*197½)	200	7½	13½	23	9	21	27
Glaxo....	650	37	66	87	13	33	46
(*668)	700	11	41	62	40	60	72
	750	3½	22	43	83	93	100
HSBC....	600	41	61	76	9	30	42
(*631½)	650	14	34	52	32	57	68
Hillsdwn..	140	24	27	28	2	7½	11
(*159)	160	7½	13	16½	7	17	22
Lonrho...	80	9	15	18	2	6½	10
(*87)	90	3½	9	13	7	11	15½
Reuter...	1400	28	75	113	45	80	107
(*1389½)	1450	12	54	88	85	115	137
R-Royce..	130	7	11½	16½	6	12	15
(*130)	140	4	7	12½	11½	18	21
Sears....	90	13	16	18	1½	4½	6½
(*101)	100	5	9	12	4	8½	12
Thrn Emi	850	33	53	70	18	25	46
(*872½)	900	8½	32	44	36	50	75
TSB....	160	18	24	28	2	7	11
(*175)	180	5	14	16	11	17	21
Vaal Reefs..	35	4	6	6	1½	3	4½
(*$35)	40	1½	3½	4	5	6	8
Wellcome..	850	56	79	107	11	35	51
(*897½)	900	23	53	80	32	58	70

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Fisons...	200	26	34	43	7½	19	24
(*214½)	220	15	25	33	17	30	36

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastn Elc.	460	28	37	44	16	30	35
(*468)	500	12	19	25	41	55	60

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr...	300	24	33	38	3	8½	16
(*319)	330	5	16	21	16	25	31
Scot Pwr..	220	17	24	27	1½	6	13
(*236)	240	3½	13	17	9	15	23

March 4, 1993 Tot: 29205 Calls: 16675 Puts: 11530 FT-SE Calls: 3514 Puts: 3909
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Cocoa continued to be bludgeoned by the lack of progress at the Geneva pact talks. However a late proposal by the Ivory Coast to end the deadlock over the financing of a new agreement persuaded the delegates to meet again in the near future. Uncertainty over the availibility of near by coffee pushed March to an exorbitant $50 premium over the May contract.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Mar	697-696	May	783-780
May	708-707	Jul	800 SLR
Jul	719-717	Sep	812-810
Sep	730-729	Dec	839-834
Dec	749-747		
Mar	768-767	Volume:	8423

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	1000-995	Nov	928-918
May	952-950	Jan	942-934
Jul	915-912	Mar	954-940
Sep	919-915	Volume:	2791

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow

		Dec	196.0-92.0
Spot	n/a	Mar	unq
May	226.0-24.0	May	200.0-98.0
Aug	230.0-28.0	Aug	unq
Oct	211.0-09.0	Volume:	32

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters

		Dec	256.9-55.2
Spot:	278.0	Mar	255.5-52.3
May	274.8-74.2	May	256.5-53.4
Aug	276.5-76.2	Aug	263.0-55.4
Oct	257.5-56.7	Volume:	616

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 4

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	93.15	122.59	134.86
(+/-)	-6.16	-2.95	+3.96
Eng/Wales:	93.19	122.76	135.17
(+/-)	+6.19	-3.31	+4.13
(%)	-48.1	-40.0	-10.3
Scotland:	86.97	121.80	133.43
(+/-)	+3.54	-1.72	-3.01
(%)	-52.1	-65.0	-35.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Mar	114.0	114.5	May	113.5	114.0
Apr	113.5	114.0		Volume:	73

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	146.65
May	147.70
Jun	148.65
Sep	109.30
Nov	111.55
Volume:	96

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	142.50
May	142.35
Sep	107.50
Nov	110.50
Jan	unq
Volume:	93

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	149.80
Jun	142.00
Aug	143.00
Oct	unq
Dec	unq
Volume:	20

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	39.5	40.3
May	41.2	41.8
Apr	95.0	95.5
	Volume:	157

RUBBER

No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Apr 65.50-65.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Concerns that there might be a shortage of Mar physical brents drove the market higher.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.40	-0.45
Brent 15 day (Mar)	19.50	-0.45
Brent 15 day (Apr)	19.35	-0.60
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	20.90	-0.40
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.95	-0.40

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

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INFOTECH

Matthew May previews new technologies that could reduce the wiring in offices

Pulling the plug on the office


BT PICTURES

Look, no wire: a video camera behind the ear and a portable phone help a technician to explain a problem to base

What can the manufacturers of high technology machines give the office that has everything? Since most businesses are already well provided with computers, fax and telephone systems, the big market lies in replacements, and, suppliers hope, convincing customers to upgrade existing equipment.

But one potential advance into which much research and development effort is being put is the idea of the cordless or wire-less office. Ideas range from equipping every employee with a mobile phone for use within an office building so a vital call is never missed, to cordless computer networks which, it is argued, will pay for themselves in the long term by the saving on recabling costs when computer equipment has to be moved. It could be a tough market. The wire-less office is being presented as the business project of the 1990s, just as hopes for the paperless office persisted in the 1980s, although with little effect.

> Most senior executives prefer conventional telephones

The technology behind the cordless concept may soon become both good and cheap enough to interest at least some customers. The next question is which technology to choose, because the competition is great.

For a start there is a choice between radio, microwave or infra-red connections. Each system has its own advantages. Some are suited only to simple telephone calls, while others can cope with hefty computer workloads. But suppliers are also using each of these types of transmission in different ways, with varying techniques.

Radio transmission faces problems because regulatory approval is sometimes needed to ensure that appliances do not interfere with other uses of the radio spectrum. The frequencies made available can vary from country to country.

One of the most comprehensive systems under development is optical wireless, based on infra-red light. Researchers at BT laboratories, who are developing such a system, say that its advantages include a much wider band width than radio or microwave communications. This should make possible a wide range of cordless services, including the transmission of video pictures.

The drawback of infra-red is that it requires a clear line of sight between transmitter and receiver, which makes it difficult to send signals round corners or between the floors of a building. Or, as BT says, "Transmission is confined to the room where it is used, offering security advantages. And it does not interfere with other systems."

To get around the restrictions of infra-red, BT is working on what it describes as "leaky feeders", which would allow information to be relayed even in offices with complex floorplans.

"Studies have shown that 70 per cent of computers are moved from their original site within two years," says Pete Smyth, of BT Laboratories. BT is also working on other mobile systems, so that a product such as a video link headset would enable specialist staff such as engineers or perhaps paramedic teams to communicate visually with headquarters.

Although cordless computer networks may sell because of the possibilities of direct cost savings, providing mobile phones in the office is more controversial. Employees will eventually be able to make and receive calls on small portable phones virtually anywhere within a workplace. Unlike expensive cellular mobile phones, such systems can be linked directly to company switchboards, so that the cost of calls will be the same as from ordinary phones.

Suppliers say that the premium for adding portability in an office will be as little as 20 per cent over the cost of a traditional company phone system.

But will people always want to be available on their phones when they are at work? Will companies have to introduce codes of conduct on when and where the phones can be switched off? The benefits, says suppliers, include not missing important calls and saving the cost of having to return missed calls.

The most basic systems are those that use the CT2 standard. This was the standard used by telepoint services although, given their disastrous history, it is an association about which few suppliers want to be reminded. "Telepoint has proved a fiasco in the UK, and there are currently only around 16,000 telepoint users across Europe," says Robin Meakin, the project manager for CIT, a research firm.

Telepoint phones restrict customers to outgoing calls only, and they have to be used within 100 yards of a base-station. Systems for the office surmount both obstacles. They can take incoming calls, and since they will be limited to one site, there will be no question of having to find a base station.

Later this month, Northern Telecom and Philips will demonstrate cordless systems at Cebit, Europe's biggest computer and communications trade fair, which takes place in Hanover.

Companion, Northern Telecom's system, is based on CT2 and uses pocket phones. It can transfer calls between base stations, so people can receive calls anywhere in a building and walk while they talk.

Two versions, which can handle respectively 32 and 80 portable phones, will be shown. They can be linked to existing company exchanges, so it would be possible to give mobiles only to selected employees, such as sales staff.

More advanced and more expensive are systems based on the DECT standard. Unlike CT2 models, they will handle limited data transmissions such as electronic mail, and can provide three times as many telephone lines for a given area.

Other possibilities include giving a cordless phone at work a dual identity, with two numbers, perhaps using one for business and one for personal calls. During an office lunch, for example, the business number might be turned off, but calls made to the personal number would still ring.

Reception quality with either system should be better than that on cellular phones — and it will need to be. A survey last year found that two-thirds of senior executives are convinced that conventional phones are more cost-effective and more reliable.

ONLINE

An eye opener

JAPANESE researchers believe they have worked out why people get tired eyes from staring at computer screens.

Their experiment found that people blink less — but their tears evaporate faster — when they work on computers, so they get dry eyes. They suggest that a remedy may be simply to change the height of the screen.

When people look down rather than straight ahead, their eye openings are smaller. Therefore the tear film on their eyes dries more slowly. So the researchers suggest lowering the video screen and tilting it upward.

Windows pain

MICROSOFT's application to make the word Windows a trademark for its software which is sold worldwide has been rejected in America.

Trademark regulators say that the public understands the term "windows" to mean any computer software which utilises windows on a computer screen.

Microsoft wants programmers who create software for Windows to obtain licences that give the company some control over the contents of the programs.

Bright future

THE West European market for computer products and services will grow by about 4.3 per cent this year and by 6.8 per cent in 1994, according to the industry group Eurobit.

Bruno Lamborghini, the president of the group, says that advances in mobile computing and communications systems will stimulate demand.

Sony outlook

SONY will soon start to sell professional digital recording equipment that should improve the quality of television news pictures.

The Japanese firm at present makes digital video equipment that works with ¾in tape, which is used to shoot high-quality television pictures. But news broadcasts and other programmes shot outside rely mainly on Betacam camcorders and recorders, which use half-inch analogue tape.

Whizz kids

A PROJECT costing £2.5 million to test portable computers in schools and teacher training colleges has been started by the National Council for Educational Technology.

The scheme, which is aimed at finding the best ways in which portable computers can be used in learning, will test notebooks, palmtops and graphical calculators.

"Pupils will be able to use software for science experiments outside and be able to see the results of their work instantly," says Fred Daly, the technical director for the NCET.



Rising star

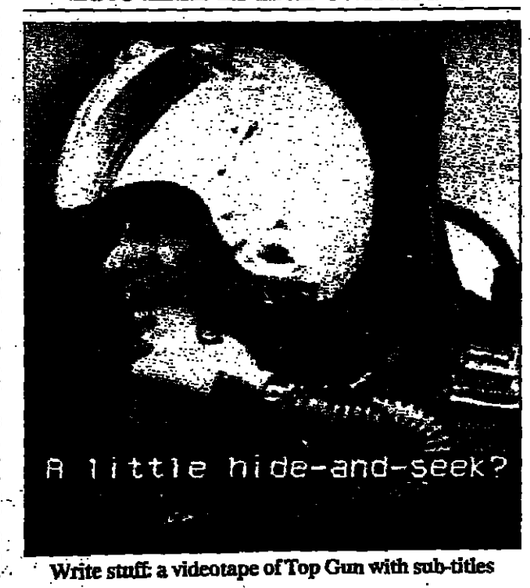
THE computer maker Digital Equipment, seeking to broaden its personal-computer business, has launched a new range.

Powered by a 486 microprocessor, the range is an expansion of a line of personal computers that the company introduced last summer in its attempt to become a leading player in the field.

Analysts say that Digital has increased its market share in personal computing significantly over the past year and has jumped 15 places to seventh position, with about a 2 per cent share.

Sub-titles on your own TV

A new system from America means that deaf people will be able to gain more enjoyment from watching video films in their own homes



Write stuff: a videotape of Top Gun with sub-titles

Videotapes with hidden text messages are on sale in Britain. The tapes contain captions designed to help many of the 7.5 million people in Britain who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The system, known as "closed captions", has been introduced to Britain by the National Captioning Institute (NCI), a non-profit making organisation formed in America in 1979.

Video captioning is not new — the BBC and ITV companies use the teletext service to transmit more than 60 hours of sub-titled television programmes a week. About 2.4 million deaf viewers regularly use the service.

Sub-titles are stored in part of the television signal, which is normally invisible, and teletext receivers use a special decoder to display them. But sub-titles are not available on videotapes that are bought or rented.

Some companies, such as Akai, Ferguson and Grundig, market video-cassette recorders that can record sub-titles. The snag is that the recorded sub-titles are "burnt" into the pictures and cannot be removed by viewers who do not need them. Closed captions cannot be seen unless the viewer uses a £100 reader unit, which sits between the video recorder and television set. Users can switch the captions on or off at will.

Film and videotape companies like closed captions because they do not have to make two versions of the same tape — one with captions and one without. And video retail and rental shops do not have to stock the same title twice. The result is that leading home-video companies and the British Videogram Association, which represents video shops, will support the system.

About 40 British video titles are available with closed captions and the NCI predicts that the number will grow to more than 200 by the end of the year. The titles are identified by a small "talking television" logo on the cassette case. They cost the same as ordinary tapes.

Cinema films encoded with captions include *Batman Returns*, *Cinderella*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *JFK*.

"For a long time, deaf viewers have been cut off from the video market," says Myles Moriarty, the NCI's co-ordinator in Britain. "Closed captions will allow them to watch and enjoy videotapes."

The NCI set up its British branch at the end of last year in Peterborough. However, the captioning is done in America.

A company wanting to add captions to a title sends a videotape and script to the organisation's headquarters in Washington, DC. In most cases, the NCI simply converts the American captions to British English, such as changing "color" to "colour", then sends the captions back on a computer disc. The video company uses an encoder to add the captions to the master tape before it is sent to a tape duplication plant. The cost of captioning a video is about £1,000 an hour, but if the programme has already been captioned for the American market, this falls to £500.

The closed captions system has been popular in America, and 3,500 videotapes contain captions. The NCI also adds captions to live and recorded television programmes.

Teletext is not available in the US largely because the type of television system used there, known as NTSC, is not fully compatible. Every week, about 400 hours worth of programmes are broadcast with closed captions. US legislation requires that all new television sets sold after July with a screen size greater than 13in must be equipped with closed captions decoders.

However, Mr Moriarty does not think that closed captions will be transmitted in Britain for a while yet. "It is technically possible", he says, "but there are legislative hurdles to be overcome." He adds that closed caption broadcasts from cable and satellite are another possibility.

"Closed captions can also have an educational role. For example, they can help children learn to read. In America, some people are using the system to learn English."

The NCI has also developed a system which enables a tape to store captions in several languages to provide multilingual tapes that could be sold in several countries or to help with the language teaching.

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Fluency at the flick of a disc

Britain is developing an EC-backed system to speed up language learning, George Cole says

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Screen talk: Stephen Hagen with the language teaching machine which may eventually be able to respond to human speech

A prototype computer system aimed at improving the learning of languages is being used in the Midlands as part of an ambitious European Community project.

The scheme will develop advanced workstations that can mix sound, text, animation, video, satellite broadcasts and, eventually, speech recognition to try to provide a package that will help users learn and improve their languages as the single European market becomes a reality.

Under development are multimedia language learning materials for seven EC languages — Greek, Italian, German, English, French, Spanish and Irish. The project will take two and a half years.

The prototype has been installed for evaluation at the Thomas Telford City Technology College, in Telford, Shropshire. The system will include features that enable tutors to check a learner's progress and send voice or text messages to the workstation.

At the heart of the system is an Archimedes A540 computer, produced by the Cambridge-based Acorn computer company — one of the project members. The computer is connected to a magneto-optical recorder, which uses a special disc for recording and playing back the learner's voice.

"Research shows that people take in 10 per cent of what they read, 30 per cent of what they see and 90 per cent of what they do," says Stephen Hagen, the leader of the project, which is known as Eloquent. "The recorder allows users to play an active part in their learning. There will also be sound samples, which learners will be able to cut and paste in the same way as word processing packages allow users to chop up text and move it around a screen."

> People take in 10 per cent of what they read

The workstation can also provide users with on-line information from a variety of sources such as CD-roms, teletext and satellite. Users are then able to edit the material.

Mr Hagen says that foreign satellite broadcasts are a good source of learning material, although there are problems with copyright ownership. The project group aims eventually to develop a speech-recognition system, which will enable a computer to recognise and understand the human voice.

"The idea is that learners control the computer with simple voice commands, which may be in English or a foreign language," Mr Hagen says.

The speech-recognition system would also help with pronunciation, by allowing users to compare their speech with a library of sounds stored by the computer. The learner's voice will be recorded and converted to a wave pattern which will be displayed alongside the correct pattern held by the computer.

Although language laboratories and existing computer-based learning systems can provide some of these facilities, the EC project claims that it will be able to provide a better and cheaper system — about £2,000 for each workstation and about £100 for the software used to produce the language learning materials. The intention is that Eloquent should be used by both business and in education.

"Companies want faster, more effective and more authentic self-learning systems to consolidate or supplement live classroom tuition", Mr Hagen says, "and they want them to be cost-effective."

A number of companies have interactive video systems, which use LP-sized video discs that store sound, moving video and text, controlled by a computer. This makes it very useful for self-teaching, but each video disc title can cost about £2,000 and the playback system almost as much again.

More and more companies are producing language programs for systems which use discs known as CD-roms (Compact Disc Read Only Memory). These look like audio CDs but, instead of storing music, they hold sound, pictures, text and data. CD-rom titles are cheaper to produce than interactive discs and a CD-rom system can be networked.

Although the EC project involves companies and educational institutions from Belgium, Germany, Greece and Italy, it is Britain that has the greatest need for assistance.

Only about a fifth of the British population can speak a foreign language and most Britons can use only GCSE-level French. In British business, the situation is even worse. A survey by Teleconomy, a training company, found that the switchboard operators of many large British companies not only could not cope with incoming calls in any foreign language but even presented problems to foreigners who could speak good English.

> Only one in five Britons speak another tongue

The company conducted a number of test calls as "English-speaking foreigners" and found that operators often used confusing pronunciation such as: "lines-bizzy-hold?" meaning "the line is busy, will you hold?". As a result, more than a third of calls were lost at the switchboard.

Mr Hagen says: "It is easy to think that the British do not need to learn a foreign language because English is an international language. But insisting on others speaking your language can create feelings of inferiority and inadequacy, which are not the most appropriate emotions for a client or potential customer to experience."

To show the benefits of learning a language, Mr Hagen cites the case of British managers of Fujitsu, the Japanese electronics company. When its European head office was moved from Britain to Germany, the move left managers feeling marginalised, so they learnt Japanese and travelled to Japan where they persuaded the senior management to take over ICL, the British computer company. As a result, Fujitsu's European centre of operations moved back to Britain.

"Learning a foreign language is never going to be easy", Mr Hagen says, "but this project will, I hope, show that it does not have to be boring and that sophisticated language learning systems are within the reach of small companies and schools."

Codes to crack office crime

How the bar coding of equipment could cut thefts of company computers

When the Australian state of Victoria took stock of its internal assets a couple of years ago, it found that 200 of its personal computers had gone missing. It is probable that a snap audit of many large UK organisations would show a similar picture.

The problem is growing as equipment gets smaller — even fax machines can now fit into a briefcase. Software, too, can be taken out for surreptitious copying with virtually no risk of detection.

Bar coding could be one way to help to stamp out this addition to British industry's annual £5 billion crime bill.

The idea of extending bar coding beyond the supermarket shelves to keep track of corporate property was introduced to the UK a couple of years ago by Hardcat Asset Management Systems, an Australian company. Its clients include such diverse — and blue chip — names as Barclays Mercantile, Harrods, British Telecom and Eastern Electricity.

"The mere fact that such a system is in place can be a deterrent against theft," says Neil Copeland, the managing director for Hardcat UK, but he points out that the system can be given teeth. Bar codes can, for instance, be linked to an alarm which is triggered if a piece of equipment leaves the office or factory without authorisation.

As with the goods on the shelves of a supermarket, each item is allocated a bar code, pre-printed as stickers. The person conducting the installation is equipped with a hand-held device, with a small keyboard and a four-line screen, rather like a sophisticated calculator.

Attached to this is a "wand", similar in size and shape to a pen. This is swept over the bar code which has been stuck to the object.

"The device is pre-programmed to ask the bar code installer for basic information on each piece of equipment", explains Mr Copland, "such as the location and the whereabouts of any attachments." A good installer, he says, can record about 1,200 objects in a day.

"You can include the supplier, the purchase date and price, maintenance and insurance details and warranty expiry dates — virtually any piece of information you need to know about any asset you own," he says.

Once stored, combinations of information can be called up, such as the location of a piece of equipment and its maintenance requirements.

Bar codes can also record faults, so that any problems occurring with a particular piece of machinery can be shown instantly. So, too, can the time the supplier took to send someone to fix it.



But what about software? Mr Copland admits that it is still very difficult to prevent employees loading programs from a hard disc to a floppy disc and taking them home, but master copies of programs and the instruction manuals that go with them can be marked.

The European Centre for Medium Weather Forecasting, which originally turned to Hardcat to keep control of its computers, now uses the system to keep track of all its assets, down to the carpets.

The system's greatest potential could lie in keeping records in support of insurance claims.

After the Gulf war, the MoD, one of Hardcat's clients, asked it about the possibility of bar coding prisoners. "The war ended before we could go into that," Mr Copland says. "Right now we are more interested in the idea of logging the issue of weapons at police stations."

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The two-computer family

The age of the family with a PC in the office, the car or the kitchen is dawning, reports David Guest



Finishing the office report at home with a Toshiba notepad, above, or out and about with a Sharp, below



Economists may look in vain for signs of recovery, but the computer industry has at least one shoot that has remained green throughout the recession. Sales of battery-powered portable computers have grown at a spectacular rate in recent years. The market has also become a race of rivals as computers have become smaller and lighter.

In 1992, says Romtec, a research company, sales of desktop PCs increased by 20 per cent, but their market share declined. However, sales of the notebook type of portable computer more than doubled as earlier, heavier portables — called transportable and lap-top — declined.

Jane Birley, Apple UK's regional product manager, says that when Apple launched its Powerbook range 18 months ago it knew it would have to revise it quickly. "There can be no more two-year product development cycles," she says.

The retailer Kaytech reports that portables will soon account for 10 per cent of its sales. A year ago, says Jason Hawke, the purchasing director, the figure was only 2 per cent. Mr Hawke suggests two reasons for the increase: prices are falling and the power/weight ratio of the systems is getting better.

As an illustration he quotes the case of an IBM portable with most of the features of a desktop PC. "It costs £1,400 now, but when it was launched it was £4,000," he says.

The market leaders in the portable field are Toshiba, Compaq, Apple and Sanyo — no other company has more than 5 per cent of the market, according to Romtec.

Compaq's UK marketing director David Clarke believes that the main opportunity for increasing sales lies in attracting the kind of people who have not previously used any computer.

He contrasts the total sales of about 150,000 units in 1992 with the number of field sales representatives on the road in the UK, estimated at 500,000. There is a similar number of service engineers. All such people are potential users of portable computers, he suggests. Another growing group of portable PC buyers is the computing equivalent of the two-car household. Some users with a desktop PC at the office also have a notebook PC in the car or at home for convenience.

"There are also 'pool' portables at the disposal of a number of people, and there are executives who are buying their own," says Lewis Shrock, manager of portable products at Compaq.

Mr Clarke identifies a variety of reasons for the rise of the portable. Chief among them is the flexibility it offers. "For some members of staff — secretaries, for example — a desktop computer will continue to be the best and most appropriate type of system," he says. "But many people are going to replace their desktop systems with portables that do the same job but give them extra options."

Such flexibility is increasingly demanded by the complexity of the business environment. "Take the financial services act as an example," Mr Clarke says. "It places an enormous information requirement on someone trying to close a sale. Without a notebook PC, there might not be any way to sell insurance except in an office."

He adds that banks have found portables to be surprisingly useful in customer profiling for marketing new products. "They report that customers will share information much more rapidly with a portable computer than they might if presented with a questionnaire or a telephone interview."

Although portable computers have become widespread, portable accessories will not necessarily follow. However, modems for communication with other systems can be built-in at only a slight weight cost. A modem capable of handling fax traffic weighs just an ounce or two.

Canon, which claims 65 per cent of the market for portable printers, recently indicated which way it sees the market moving by launching a notebook PC with a built-in printer. The unit weighs less than 8 lb and is the size of a telephone directory.

Given the sales prospects for portable PCs, this seems to be another example of a British first being profitably exploited by overseas companies. The first portable personal computer was designed in 1982 by the British entrepreneur Adam Osborne. Then IBM, the American computer giant, introduced its PC and re-wrote the rules of personal computing: the Osborne 1 was obsolete almost overnight.

Portable technology still in the dock

Will the slot-in PC bridge the gap between the portable and the desktop?

The PC business borrowed both the terminology and the concept of the docking station from space exploration and science fiction.

But a PC docking station is an earth-bound piece of equipment, designed to allow a portable computer to work as a desktop and to allow the mobile user to share the facilities enjoyed by office colleagues.

One of the drawbacks of portable computers is that when used while travelling, operators do not have access to the wider technology that supports desktop machines, such as a database, printers or networks.

Giving mobile workers, sales reps, engineers and marketing executives both a desktop system and portable makes the cost of computing per person shoot up.

The docking station is designed to overcome this problem. A docking station is a large expansion box which sits permanently on the office desk and into which a portable PC can be slotted for connection to a local area network, company database, printer or storage device.

Most of the companies supplying portable and desktop PCs have adopted the docking station concept, including Compaq, Apple, IBM and Olivetti. There was even a suggestion that the portable PC and docking station might finally replace the desktop machines altogether, but this has not proved to be the case.

Most suppliers' portable machines fit into the top of the docking station, where they are secured by mechanical clips, but Apple has adopted a radically different approach. The company studied the efforts of rival manufacturers before coming out with its own docking station for its Powerbook notebook-style portable systems.

The internal codename for the Apple Duodoc was Bob W, which stood for the Best of Both Worlds, explains Pamela Schure, a product manager with Apple. Instead of fitting into the top of the system, the Apple notebook folds up and is slotted into the docking station rather like a video cassette into a recorder.



Simplicity: the Apple Duo docking system

One of the advantages of the Duodoc is that the machine automatically reconfigures itself when the portable engages the docking station. This means that any work carried out while the portable was being used is recognised by the docking station, and the entire system is updated accordingly.

High cost is still the principal drawback to mass sales

The Duodoc also operates a full system shutdown if the eject button is pressed, giving the user a series of prompts to ensure that closing down the system was intentional, not accidental.

Pamela Schure argues that this is an advantage over some other systems where data is lost if the mechanical clips are accidentally released.

But despite the attractiveness of the concept, docking stations are proving slow to gain ground. The first reason for this slow start is cost.

Surprisingly, the cost of a portable machine and a docking station can be more than that of a separate portable and desktop system.

Alan Rogers, Olivetti's product manager for portable PCs, who has been selling the systems for about a year, admits there is a 20 per cent premium for those who buy the docking station and portable rather than two separate machines.

A second reason is that there are software and hardware combinations that allow users to link portable computers into an area network without the expense of a docking station.

David Frankling, the sales and marketing director of Hamilton Rentals, says: "If docking stations were selling, then we would keep a large stock of them, but they are not. Most docking stations are designed for laptop machines, but it is the notebook sector of the market that is selling well."

There are cases where a docking station would be valuable: for instance, where, perhaps, a team of inspection engineers — working in shifts — was equipped with portable machines and needed a desktop system to update a central database at the beginning of each shift.

But generally the package is too expensive, when PC and portable prices are dropping almost daily.

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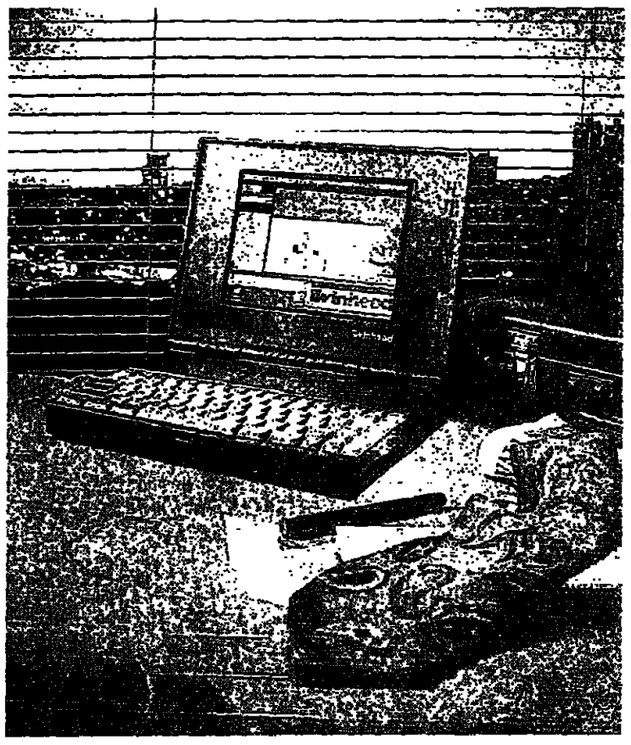
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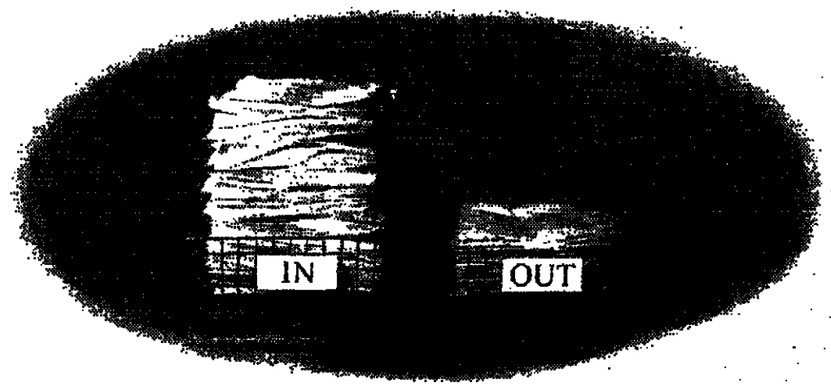
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A miniature miracle

Choosing a portable computer is largely about compromise, especially when it comes to a decision on cost, says David Hewson

All the average computer user wants of a portable is an inexpensive machine that weighs next to nothing, runs his or her favourite operating system, has a long battery life and a screen as good as a conventional desktop.

Sadly, this is a little like asking an aircraft designer to come up with a 500-seat airliner capable of cruising at 450 mph for 5,000 miles on a couple of Fiat Panda engines and taking off from the Embankment.

Portable computing is largely about compromise. Choosing a mobile machine is a tricky exercise, with some very expensive mistakes awaiting those who believe everything they read in the advertisements or, even worse, are willing to commit themselves to a portable without seeing it in action.

The first step is to understand the jargon of the portables world, which breaks the market down into three broad types: notepad, notebook and laptop machines.

Laptops are the last of the original generation of portables: large, heavy machines, some of which run on mains power only. The better laptops are exceptionally well built and, after recent falls in price, can often be picked up for a fraction of the price they sold for a couple of years ago. The disadvantage is that most have only the slow 286 or 386 processors at best, and their weight can mean they are probably more accurately described with the original term of "luggable".

Notepads are the little computers-cum-organisers such as the Psion and Sharp IQ series or Amstrad's £200 notepad launched last Christmas.

Almost all notepads are very easy to use and reasonably priced. Unfortunately, however sophisticated their facilities, they tend to be limited to everyday diary and address book work — glorified electronic organisers.

Some have their own software for dedicated tasks such as word-processing or spreadsheets, but limited screen sizes can make some kinds of work impractical, and few can run the industry-standard software. They can, however, be very useful, provided customers are prepared for their limitations.

The most fashionable computer of the moment is the notebook. This is a fully fledged desktop computer masquerading as a miniature portable.

In theory, notebooks offer true portability combined with the power of a desktop. In practice, life is not quite so simple. Most notebooks still have monochrome or poor-quality colour screens, which are fine for travelling work but can be a little wearing on the eyes for regular office use.

The exception is at the very top of the market, where new "active" colour screens and other advanced developments are common. To try out on a potential customer, we borrowed one of these new generation of super notebooks, a Compaq Lite 4/25C, a machine with a high specification colour screen, 120-megabyte hard disc, 4 megabytes of memory and the Windows program, all packed into a cream box the size of an A4 piece of paper, to see how it compared with more common products.

> 'Within a day it had become the preferred writing tool in my office'

Chris Ellis is a fairly typical portable user, a chartered accountant and management consultant whose work involves word-processing, spreadsheets and presentations. He has used a variety of desktops and laptops from companies such as Toshiba and Amstrad, but he has yet to find one that could replace the desktop completely.

Mr Ellis's work frequently involves the definition of information-technology requirements, so he had no problem setting out his own. His key needs are to have an integrated portable toolkit for tasks such as spreadsheet, word-processing, graphics and presentations, along with administration and accounting software to support the running of his business. Finally, Mr Ellis wanted a system capable of expansion and easy to link to peripherals such as printers and CD-roms.

Somewhat to his surprise, Mr Ellis found that the Compaq met all the key requirements. Having used this high-performance PC notebook, he believes that the new generation of machines does appear to provide the kind of mobile office needed by a consultant.

As a somewhat sceptical user of notepad, laptop and two desktops, I also felt that this type of machine could happily bridge my own word-processing needs. Within a day, the Compaq had become the preferred writing instrument in my home office.

With its clear and bright screen, I could work in rooms where there is no desktop and the lighting is too dim to allow use of a normal LCD screen.

The drawback of the Compaq is that it costs an arm and a leg: more than £4,200. For less than that you could buy a top-range desktop 486 and one of the older laptops, such as our own Amstrad ALT 386, which can now be found for less than £600. But the machine is an excellent indication of the strides this branch of computing has made in recent months, and one can only hope that prices will fall as they have in the rest of the industry.

The surprising quality of the Compaq's screen provides an object lesson for the potential portable purchaser. Whatever portable you buy, do make sure you see it working before parting with your money. The fastest processor in the world and the finest keyboard are of precious little value if the screen is so poor that it puts you off the idea of getting on with your work.

You should also check the estimated battery life. A new generation of low-power chips and power management facilities can make the power go further. Older Nicad batteries, which suffered from a "memory" effect that could shorten their life, are being replaced by more reliable NiMH units. The days when a portable could die on you through power-loss without warning, possibly ruining everything you were working on, should be long past.

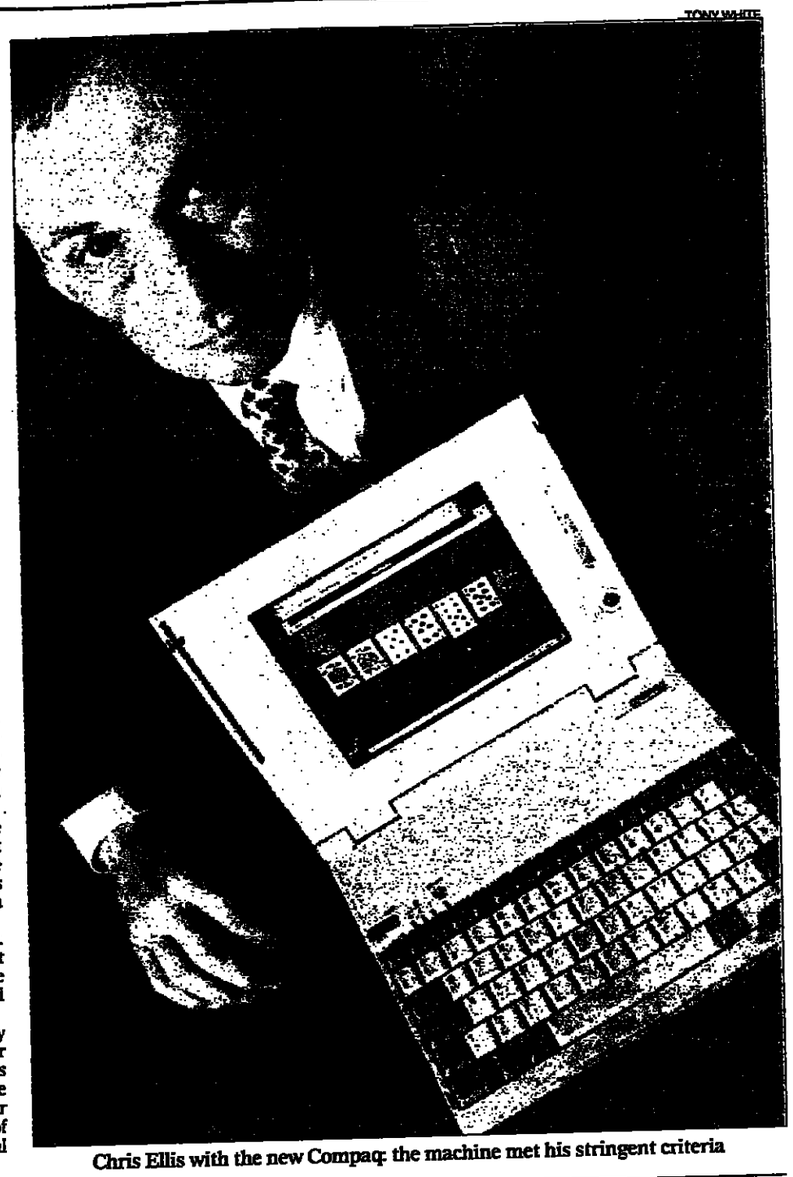
There should, at the very least, be something that tells you how much battery life is left.

In the more expensive machines, look for sophisticated "hibernation" routines that automatically save and safeguard your work if you are about to lose power.

A Windows become ever more popular, it is worth looking to see what mouse support a machine has. Some models now have very useful trackballs in the lid as a useful alternative to a mouse.

Finally, always look to the worst. Portables take more knocks than most machines and are eminently more stealable. Take out full insurance and check the warranty on the machine.

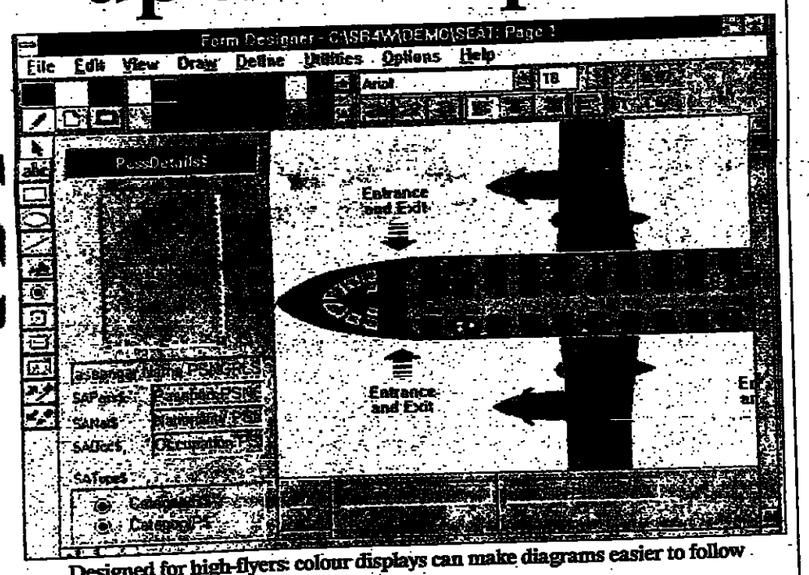
Manufacturers' guarantees vary widely. Compaq gives a three-year warranty on its computers, but a year is more common. If that lovely active colour LCD screen goes down after only 13 months of use, the cost of replacement could run to several hundred pounds.



TOM WHITE

Chris Ellis with the new Compaq: the machine met his stringent criteria

One way to liven up a sales pitch



Designed for high-flyers: colour displays can make diagrams easier to follow

Investment in a colour screen can quickly pay off in terms of brighter presentations

For several years, colour screens have been the norm for desktop personal computers — to such an extent that very few manufacturers even make black-and-white systems any more.

Unless buyers are under the most severe budget restraints they are likely to opt for a computer that can display 256 or more colours in high resolution.

However, with portable computers the situation is reversed. Most buyers have to ask themselves some tough questions before deciding whether to buy a portable with colour. Is it worth buying one today, or is it just an expensive form of technological oneupmanship?

Other things being equal, a colour portable will weigh about half a pound more than a black-and-white version, will be two or three-tenths of an inch thicker, because of the extra electronics, and its battery life will be reduced by about a third, to about a couple of hours of use.

The problem lies in the way that portable computer screens work. There are two sorts of screen, passive and active matrix. Passive screens are like the displays used in watches, calculators and cheap hand-held computer games.

They are simple and cheaper but are outclassed by the quality of active screens, which are packed with powerful electronics.

"There are almost a million transistors in an active matrix screen," says Richard Bunting, a product manager for Sharp Electronics, which makes about 80 per cent of the world's colour screens. "The whole surface of the screen is one big integrated circuit."

Not only do these screens consume more power, but to be seen under office conditions they need a more power-hungry form of backlight.

> 'Colour increases people's understanding and involvement'

Some users find a colour screen, particularly an active matrix one, an invaluable business tool. Masons, a City law firm, which employs about 200 lawyers and has offices in Europe and the Far East, insists that its computer systems should be easy for non-specialists to operate and makes extensive use of Microsoft Windows, a graphics-based operating system which works best on colour machines — and best of all on active-matrix screens.

Lawyers who work away from the office can use colour portables for making presentations to clients, word processing, filing documents and as an electronic legal encyclopaedia or reference library.

Some portables can be linked to conventional overhead projectors to display enlarged images of what is on screen. This involves connecting the portable to a second, transparent screen which can be placed onto the overhead projector just like an ordinary acetate transparency.

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Masons' legal technology specialist, Richard Susskind, says his company has taken the technique further by using overhead projection for collective drafting of documents.

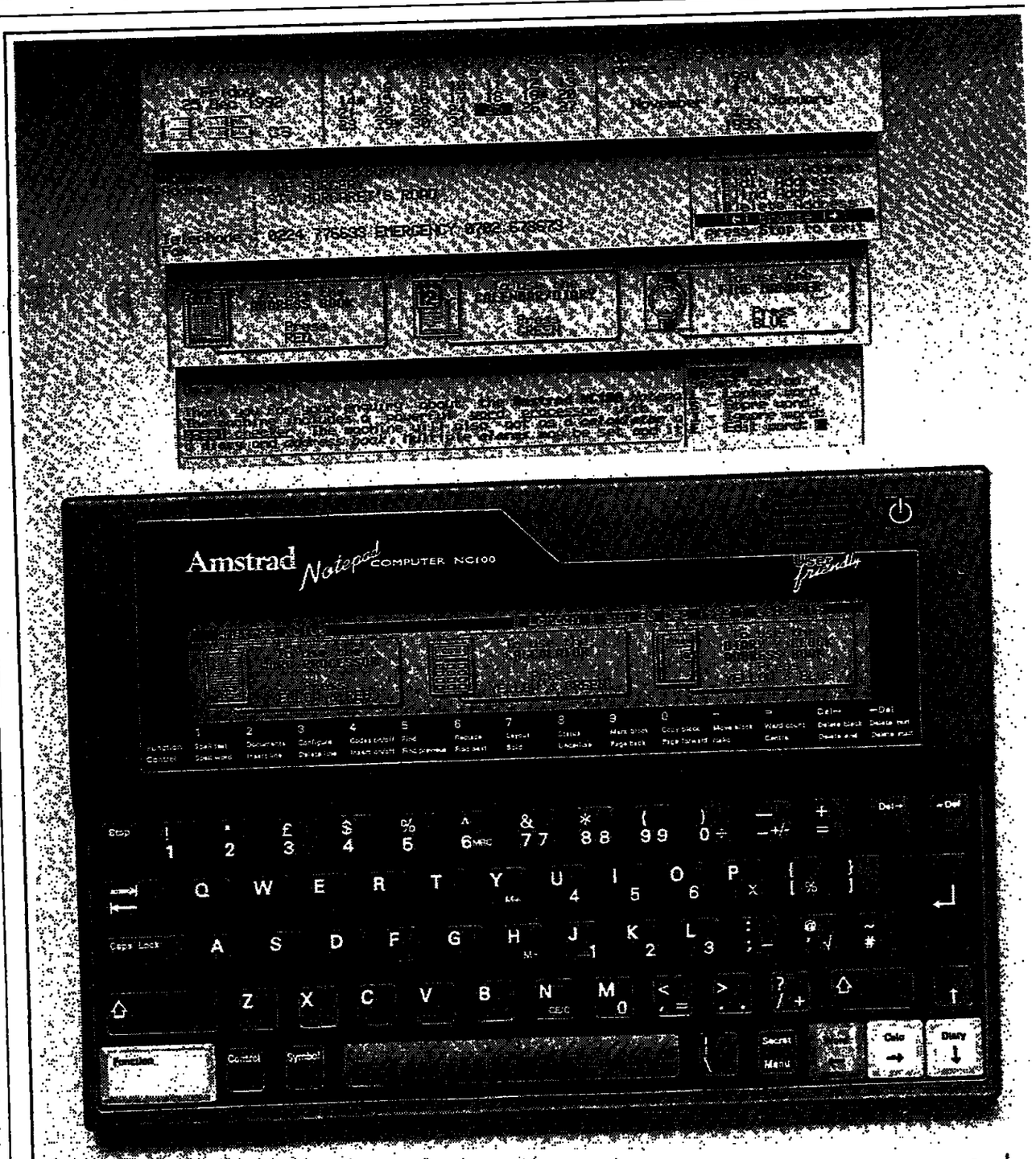
"One person sits at the keyboard and the document is projected onto a screen. People can suggest amendments and see the result straight away. It could have been done in monochrome, but colour increases people's understanding and involvement," Mr Susskind says.

The most unusual use of colour portables at Masons is for storing and displaying a vast legal library. "Portability is important because it gives us the ability to carry around many thousands of documents: precedents, letters, in-house checklists, guidance notes — everything to do with running our practice."

To handle this amount of electronic information, the computers have a specialised colour-coded filing system. "For example, cross references are always shown in red so you can see the content and structure of a document at a glance," Mr Susskind says.

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Computer companies facing big losses are setting up as consultants — but, asks **David Guest**, will anyone credit their advice?

Only real experts need apply

The British economy's move away from a manufacturing base towards services has been helped along by information technology. Now information technology itself is moving in the same direction with the services side becoming increasingly important.

Companies that used to be known for making computers are switching their emphasis. Many of the biggest — including IBM, ICL and Digital Equipment — hope to thrive by emphasising their ability to help customers to put big business systems together.

As a result, while the total headcount of those working in the British computer industry is falling during the recession, the structure of employment is also changing.

The French-owned manufacturer Bull, for example, declared 300 redundancies in Britain last year, but it intends to recruit between 100 and 150 consultants this year.

Last year, shortly before reporting the biggest loss in corporate history, IBM established consultancy as a separate branch of its business. In other words, while one part of a company had money running through its fingers, another was offering business advice to other companies.

IBM became the target for comments along the line of "physician heal thyself". The company replied that it had gone through difficult times and was well-placed to advise others. This will lack conviction until IBM itself is out of the woods.

If IBM has a particular credibility problem, all manufacturers taking the consultancy route face questions of independence and competence. All insist that if a rival supplier's equipment is the appropriate answer to a particular information technology problem, they will say so and help to implement it.

"Independence is the key point," says Bill Lindley, the chairman of the Association of Professional Computer Consultants. "If you're being paid as a consultant by someone you should be acting in their best interests. You wouldn't have your heart checked by a pacemaker salesman, would you?"

The competence of the new wave of consultants is also under scrutiny. Mr Lindley says: "You can employ someone at £20,000 a year, charge them out at £1,000 a day and make a good profit."

Dick Nathan, Mr Lindley's predecessor in the APCC chair, says: "The nature of the task is quite different from what most people with the job title 'consultant' in the computer industry are equipped to do. The majority are senior sales people. Their skills are not appropriate. The effective consultant is one whose skills and knowledge can enhance a client's understanding of a problem, for example to convert a technical decision into a commercial risk decision."

When Bull was building up its services business, focusing on systems integration, it looked for recruits among its own technical specialists, especially those with networking expertise. To these it added individuals brought in from formal consultancy backgrounds, especially from well-established computer consultancies such as EDS and Logica. This year, its main targets for recruits are the more general management consultancies such as Touche Ross and Coopers & Lybrand.

Consultancy in the computer business has always been a term that lent itself to a variety of interpretations. Brian Martin, who set up Logica's consultancy operations in 1982 and returned almost a decade later to revive them, identified three types of IT consultant.

First come the sellers of equipment offering product orientated consultancy, second are "top-of-the-pyramid" consultancies with few implementation skills and, in the middle ground, organisations such as Logica, independent of the hardware manufacturers but with software operations and experience of putting systems together.

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VISUAL ART: **Richard Cork** on a great American purist; plus recommended shows and market news

Made of the white stuff

No captions are permitted to disturb the impeccable white walls in **Robert Ryman**'s Tate retrospective. All the picture titles are confined to a simple list near the door of each room. The implication to visitors is clear: concentrate on the paintings.

Such a purist priority hardly comes as a surprise. Ryman's high reputation in American painting is based, after all, on his devotion to whiteness. For over 30 years of sustained achievement, he has remained fascinated by this one colour. Its possibilities absorb his energies as much today as they did when he first defined his mature identity.

Not that Ryman arrived at this singular commitment without hesitation. As his Nashville childhood might suggest, he first became enthralled by music. At Tennessee Polytechnic he was a passionate saxophonist, and in the early 1950s his appetite for Charlie Parker and bebop led him to New York. But gradually he became intrigued by the quieter satisfactions of oils, brushes and canvas. To support his new obsession, Ryman obtained a job as a gallery guard at Manhattan's modernist temple, the Museum of Modern Art. He stayed there for seven years, avidly scrutinising the great paintings.

Such a stimulus would be difficult to exaggerate. Ryman learnt to look hard at paint surfaces. The job must have suited his contemplative nature, for the Tate exhibition cannot be appreciated by visitors impatient with the notion of lingering. These undemonstrative images need time, and their meditative serenity demands an unprejudiced mind.

The young Ryman also needed time, as the first room discloses. His earliest painting, started in 1955, is covered in a heavily worked, hot orange. Resembling a segment from an especially sumptuous Rothko, this vehement picture looks almost sacrilegious among its reticent neighbours. But it already announced Ryman's preference for an all-embracing veil of colour. In that respect, the orange intrusion is more prophetic than some of the later paintings in the room.

Sometimes, straggling lines run through them, as in Roger Hilton's abstractions from the same period. Unruly black rectangles disrupt the prevailing calm in several images, and one small painting contains the phrase "The Paradoxical Absolute". Inscribed in rough white capitals on a black ground, the words suggest that Ryman knew, even then, that his search for purity and perfection would never reach a definitive goal.

> 'He knew that his search for purity would never reach a definitive goal'

He was, however, already sure of enough of his work to sign it with pride. One small 1958 painting leaves a generous amount of tan paper free for the artist's name, written in startlingly large, loping pencil lines. Indeed, the whole picture seems to rejoice in the proclamation of an artist's identity.

The dealers did not share Ryman's delight. Related neither to the Abstract Expressionists nor the emergent Pop painters, his work found scant favour until a gallery finally gave him a one-man show in 1967. Nothing was sold, but the steady rise of Minimalism soon ensured that international interest began to focus on his work.

All the same, Ryman cannot be associated with the more conceptual side of the Minimalist movement, despite his commitment to whiteness. Intuition is central to his way of working, and some of his most delectable images are charged with spontaneous sensuality.

Wedding Picture is particularly seductive. The white paint is handled in patches so loose that the warm brown Bristol board shows through in many places. At the upper right corner, the whiteness fades away, leaving a patch of green flecked with yellow to assert itself. The outcome has the immediate attraction of a landscape transformed by an uneven fall of snow.



Robert Ryman's *Wedding Picture*, 1961: these undemonstrative images need time: their serenity demands an unprejudiced mind

There is an impulsiveness about such a strategy which links up with his early enthusiasm for bebop. And sometimes, as in a small painting on unstretched linen canvas from 1961, the pigment achieves a surprising lushness.

During the 1960s, though, Ryman felt the need to discipline his intuitive play with procedural rigour. After completing some spectacularly large, busy pictures, where plump white squiggles dance all over a ground of red, ochre and purple strokes, he moved towards more regulated rhythms. One consummate little untitled picture is covered in a single coat of white enamel. The paint appears to have been floated onto the canvas. But the pigment stops short of the edges all the way round, leaving an irregular line of hairsbreadth brown to act as a foil for the imperturbable milkiness.

Ryman, who shares Matisse's desire to aim at an art of supreme well-being, must have realised that he wanted to retain this quietness of surface. For he then proceeds, in subsequent pictures, to drag his brush across the canvas in a series of parallel, horizontal bands. The outcome should be even more abstract than before, but associations with the visible world will not entirely go away. The thin lines of dark canvas between each stripe resemble faint tremors in an otherwise placid, infinite sea.

As the show proceeds, Ryman gradually eliminates gesture and opts for the smoothest surfaces possible. He brings the wall into play, too, securing *Advance* with Plexiglass fasteners which travel down the painting like a pair of braces. Steel, bolts and anodised aluminium become evident, introducing in the penultimate room an air of mechanised aridity. Since it compares so disappointingly with the earlier sensuality, I was relieved to find that his most recent paintings return to a direct involvement with the stuff of pigment.

One work in particular, *Versions VII*, builds up a delicate cloud of vigorously applied white paint on the thinnest of wax-paper grounds. The result is wonderfully diaphanous, and near the centre a V-shaped form hovers like the memory of a bird in flight. It is a fugitive image, indicating that beneath Ryman's long preoccupation with paint as a material substance lies an awareness of life's fundamental transience, conveyed with all the elusiveness of a dream.

● Robert Ryman *continues at the Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313) until April 25*

ART MARKET DIARY

Exit the Medicis

LORD ELGIN is selling a seven-painting cycle from his Scottish ancestral home, Broomhall. After gracing the main hallway for nearly 200 years, it will be sold at Sotheby's on April 21.

The cycle was commissioned by Catherine de' Medici, and depicts aspects of her family's genealogy. Timothy Clifford, the director of the National Galleries of Scotland, regrets that they will be split up, but he cannot afford the estimated £500,000.

● AUCTION experts beware. The art investment advisers Poensgen and Sokolow have taken to faxing their opinions on forthcoming sales to journalists, and these opinions can be acerbic. Take the 19th-century picture sale at Sotheby's on March 17. This is condemned as "very poor indeed". It would be surprising, they conclude, if "over 50 per cent of the lots found buyers".

Service charges

CHRISTIE'S do not normally sell stolen goods, but a soup plate from which Catherine the Great once dined was the exception on Monday. Both the auction house and the anonymous private buyer who paid £26,450 for the lavish bowl knew that, by rights, it is still owned by the Russians.

The 797-piece service commissioned by Catherine in 1778 to be in "the best and newest style" was plundered by looters during a fire in the Winter Palace in 1837. Three years later 160 pieces from the service appeared in London. Some found their way into museums, including the V & A and Fitzwilliam.

But the new owner of the bowl can probably sleep easy. Since its removal from the Winter Palace, the bowl has passed through so many hands that it is unlikely to be repatriated now.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE: GALLERIES

● **IVON HITCHENS:** Two shows mark the centenary of Ivon Hitchens's birth. The Jacobson show is of landscapes, largely painted in Hitchens's middle period, roughly 1936-56, when he was delicately balanced between the laboriousness of his early work and the perhaps excessive facility of his last years. The Waddington show includes some of the nudes and some of the later South Coast pictures, which verge on abstraction. Arguably so little has been said about Hitchens as a modern master because there is so little to say of such pure painting.
Bernard Jacobson Gallery, 14a Clifford Street, W1 (071-495 8575). Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm, Sat, 11am-5pm, until April 1.
Waddington Galleries, 12 and 34 Cork Street, W1 (071-437 8611). Tues-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Sat, 11am-5pm, until April 3.

● **SERGEI CHEPIK:** The leading Russian émigré artist's first London show in two years reflects strongly the effect of his recent life in Paris and travels in Spain. But the strong element of Russian grotesque is still there in his images of Quasimodo's Paris, the bars of Pigalle and his continuing variations on the idea of the ship of fools, with himself often figuring as Petrouchka.
Roy Miles Gallery, 29 Bruton Street, W1 (071-495 4747) Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, until April 7.

● **PARIS, A CITY IN THE MAKING:** The Pavillon de l'Arsenal in Paris has a permanent collection illustrating the planning and construction of Paris through the ages, with all sorts of high-tech means of presenting the material. A touring version of the show now comes to London.
Gallerie Matisse, Institut Français, 17 Queensbury Place, SW7 (071-589 6211). Mon-Fri, 10am-6.30pm, until April 2.

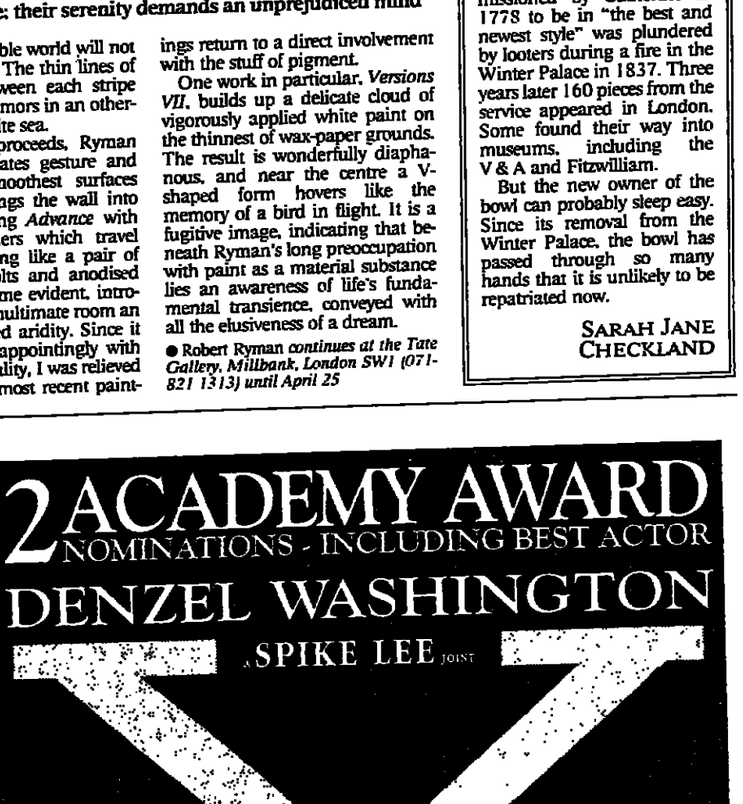
● **COLOUR AND ARCHITECTURE:** Contemporary architects from 15 different countries present a single project each, involving a significant use of colour. Inevitably much of the work could be categorised as post-Modern, but demonstrations show that even within the international modern movement colour can (and should?) play a vital part.
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COMPAGNIE PHILIPPE GENTY: This popular French troupe returns to Sadler's Wells with the British premiere of *Forget Me Not*, which promises more of the Genty magic. Theatrical illusion, dance and puppets are used to create a dream-like world exploring sexuality. **Sadler's Wells Theatre**, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916), eves, 7.30pm, until March 13.

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE: Stephen Unwin's cheery production of Rossini's comic masterpiece receives its final performance this season at the Royal Opera. Anthony Michaels-Moore sings Figaro, Raul Gimenez, Count Almaviva, Vasselina Kasarova is Rosina, and Gabriel Bacquier plays Doctor Bartolo. **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), tonight, 7.30pm.

AROLDO: The recent success of Verdi's *Stiffelio* at Covent Garden should ensure a good audience for this concert performance by Chelsea Opera Group, which offers a fascinating opportunity for comparison: in *Aroldo* Verdi reworks the same libretto, moving the action to 12th-century Scotland, where it was less likely to offend the censors. Sir Edward Downes, architect of *Stiffelio*'s triumph, conducts. **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 7.45pm.

THE MODERN MUSIQUARIAN: The jazz and improvised music magazine *The Wire* presents a weekend of talks, films, videos and live shows on the theme "Good music in a cruel world". The performances, which all take place tomorrow, include vibesman Orphy Robinson and the Balanescu Quartet (5pm), pianist Jason Rebello and Band (9pm), jazz-rappers D-Note (10.30pm). **ICA**, The Mall, SW1 (071-930 6393), tomorrow and Sun.

WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

EVGENY KISSIN: The Russian prodigy, who gave an assured and expressive account of Rachmaninov's Second Concerto on his first appearance at the Barbican with the LSO in 1988, aged 17, now makes his long awaited recital debut at the same venue, playing a programme of Brahms, Liszt and Schubert. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), Sun, 4pm.

SPNM 50th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: Not all of the composers whose works have been selected for performance by the Society for the Promotion of New Music have enjoyed lasting success, but a good many of them have. This anniversary concert of music by seven composers includes four London premieres. Roger Montgomery conducts Jane's Minstrels. Jane Manning is the soprano. **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 3pm.

JAZZ WARRIORS: Afrocentric arrangements from the highly respected big band that brings together a wealth of black jazz talent. **Jazz Café**, 15a Parkway, NW1 (071-916 6000), tomorrow, 7pm.

CHUCK PROPHET: The Green on Red guitarist and line exponent of country rock goes solo touring a new album *Balinese Dancer*. **Mean Fiddler**, 24-28a High Street, NW10 (081-961 5490), tonight, tomorrow, 8pm.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Bill Alexander's first production for the Rep. Jeffery Kissoon (in the title role), Hilton McRae and Alex Kingston in **Othello**. **Repertory Theatre**, Centenary Square (021-236 4455). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm; opens Tues, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats, Thurs, 2.30pm.

CARDIFF: Donizetti's grand romantic opera *La Favorita* — once one of the composer's most popular works and still undeniably one of his most stirring — has not been seen in Britain since 1960. **Welsh National Opera**'s new production is directed by Rennie Wright and designed by John Gunter, with costumes by Terry Frances Parr based on pre-Raphaelite paintings. The cast includes Bernadette Cullen, Bonaventura Bottone, David Barrell, Rebecca Evans and Geoffrey Moses. Carlo Rizzi conducts. **New Theatre**, Park Place (0222 394844), tonight, 7.15pm.

LEEDS: The ubiquitous pianist and composer **Chick Corea** rose to prominence following his time with Miles Davis in the Sixties and has not looked back. His fusion style brings together elements of jazz, rock and Latin (with the music receiving minimal amplification on this tour). **Town Hall** (0532 455505/476962), tomorrow, 7pm.

LIVERPOOL: The second half of the Playhouse's successful "New Works" season starts off with Gregory Motton's black comedy **A Message for the Broken-Hearted**, a menage à trois complicated by the presence of one girl's father. **Playhouse**, Williamson Square (051-709 8363). Previews from tonight, 7.45pm, opens Tues, 7.45pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, until March 27.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **ALFIE:** Adam Faith as Bill Naughton's 1963 Jack the Lad who briefly finds human feelings. Play and characters now look antique. **Queen's**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 125mins.

☐ **ARTISTS AND ADMIRERS:** Ostrovsky's sharp, affectionate picture of a theatrical anthill in Russia circa 1880. Lovely performances by, among others, Sylvestra le Touzel and Philip Voss. **The Pit**, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 150mins.

■ **CAROUSEL:** Triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical. **National (Lyttelton)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

■ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **ENNIO MARCHETTO:** The master of quick-change cabaret, with impressions from Mona Lisa to Madonna. **Whitehall**, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 9pm, mat Thurs, 4pm. 120mins.

☐ **HAY FEVER:** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done. **Globe**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

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◪ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kieve's magic tricks are amazing. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **KING LEAR:** Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins.

☐ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

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☐ **MISERY:** Sharon Gless and Bill Paterson in nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller. **Criterion**, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **MURDER IS EASY:** But an antiquated Agatha Christie adaptation is hardly worth doing. **Duke of York's**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

◪ **NO MAN'S LAND:** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff. **Comedy**, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

◪ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

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TOYS (PG): Toy factory falls into evil hands. Over-elaborate, unfunny whimsy from director Barry Levinson. **Odeon Leicester Square** (0426 915683).

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BAD LIEUTENANT (18): Forceful, uncomfortable study of a depraved New York cop hooked on drugs and alcohol from director Abel Ferrara. Astonishing performance by Harvey Keitel. **Odeon Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

◆ **DAMAGE** (18): MP Jeremy Irons pursues destructive affair with his own son's fiancée (Juliette Binoche).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

Riveting version of Josephine Hart's novel, coolly directed by Louis Malle. **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

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THE LIVING END (18): HIV-positive road movie from American independent Gregg Araki. Insolent and powerful. With Mike Dytri and Craig Gilmore. **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561).

◆ **LORENZO'S OIL** (12): Gruelling real-life tale of parents battling to alleviate their son's terrible illness. With Nick Nolte, Susan Sarandon; director, George Miller. **Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

OLIVIER OLIVIER (15): Teenager missing for six years returns home, but is it him? Fascinating story, but prosaic treatment by director Agnieszka Holland. **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470).

◆ **A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT** (PG): Robert Redford's hymn to family, nature and fly fishing. Beautifully mounted, but lacking punch. With Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

ROMPER STOMPER (18): Neo-Nazi skinheads on the rampage in Melbourne. Dangerously flashy debut by Australian director Geoffrey Wright. **Prince Charles** (071-437 8181).

◆ **UNDER SIEGE** (15): US battleship gets hijacked, but Steven Seagal saves the day. Familiar antics, with juicy villainy from Tommy Lee Jones and Gary Busey. Director, Andrew Davis. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426-914 501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

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A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic. Stars Charlotte Véry. **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** reviews a 'new' musical with songs by the Gershwins

Souped-up Gershwin goes like crazy

Crazy For You
Prince Edward

IT is not only the Prince Edward Theatre, that bleak old barn, that has *been transformed into a Thirties* wonderland, all spruce new seats, red-and-gold walls, and art-deco munificence. Something of the sort has also happened to *Girl Crazy*, the musical that the Gershwins wrote in 1930 itself and Ken Ludwig and Mike Ockrent have now radically reinvented and exotically rebuilt. Super choreography, imaginative spectacle, a spirited cast, a story almost more preposterous than the original one, and songs from all over Georgetown and Iraville, including "I Got Rhythm" and "Nice Work If You Can Get It" — as the folks up there kept telling us on opening night, who could wish for anything more?

Some shows take their time stamping themselves strongly on your spirit. Not this one. I knew I would enjoy it from the moment the curtain rose on the back of the Zangler Follies' stage, and girls appeared swathed in what appeared to be the crown jewels of Thailand, China and Japan combined. Then down came glittering bits of the Great White Way, on trundled a Rolls-Royce, from inside its bodywork trotted a chorus-line looking like flamingos with twirls of pink marzipan round their hips, and everybody proceeded to tap-dance to the unmistakable sound of Gershwin. I was hooked, and stayed that way.

The story is guy gets gal and, rather less conclusively, would-be trouper finds fulfilment. Rich young Bobby Child — Kirby Ward, exuding a very period blend of nonchalance and gormlessness — seems to want two things: to dance and not to marry his snooty fiancée. Guess what happens when he is sent by his monster-mother to foreclose on a playhouse in far-off Deadrock, Nevada, a place where fun seems to consist of mooching past the gas station with old rattlesnakes dangling from your arm. You can't? Here is a clue. He has hardly stumbled through the desert than he meets the acceptable face of Annie Oakley: Ruthie Henshall's Polly, feisty yet feminine, and (it goes without saying) the daughter of the theatre's despairing owner.



Gershwin-crazy: Ruthie Henshall as Polly Baker and Kirby Ward as Bobby Child, drawn by Bill Hewison

Suddenly, most of the Zangler Follies are magically detraining in Deadrock. A few days later they are putting on a show — which, we never discover — with the male citizens of the town, who, despite their inbred, goofball look, all turn out to be ace performers. Enter Chris Langham's glowering Zangler, which is a problem, since Bobby has disguised himself in the impresario's inimitable red bow-tie, beard and zebra-tinted hair, the better to impress Polly. Enter fiancée, enter mum. Need I add that American luck, pluck and derring-do combine to overcome all obstacles, and that the ending, though notably weaker and less clear than what precedes it, is not exactly unhappy?

It is ridiculous, and it is irresistible. Ludwig, whose book it is, is a dab hand with the kind of repartee you feel you ought to have heard before even if you haven't: "you haven't seen the end of me", "if it's anything like the front, I don't want to". He and Ockrent, the show's near-impeccable director, have also invented a hilarious yet unobvious mirror-scene for the two tipsy, uncomprehending Zanglers. Henshall is personable and a fine singer, Ward amiable and an elegant dancer, and the supporting performers, Shaun Scott and Amanda Prior prime among them, more than decent. And who could complain when Gershwinisms well-known and obscure — "They Can't Take That Away From Me" to the wittily staged "Slap That Bass" — slot into the action without too much strain?

It all comes together in two or three marvellous production numbers, choreographed by Susan Stroman on Robin Wagner's sly, satirical sets. "I Got Rhythm" strikes up, and suddenly Main Street, Deadlock, is alive with prancing people making music with bicycle pumps, lavatory plungers, and (for xylophones) miners' hats; they spin, weave, bunch, sway like saplings in the breeze, and tap-dance on inverted trays. Could anything be better calculated to lift the recession, depression, or whatever it is we collectively or individually have been going through?

TELEVISION: **Rodney Milnes** applauds the comedian Harry Enfield's attempt to popularise opera

Hum-along with Harry

PREVIOUS television series aimed at popularising, if not explaining, opera haven't really worked. It is almost impossible to get the tone right, to beat a middle path between condescension (*to both subject and audience*) and preciousness. The time is ripe for another go. The gap separating the Three Tenors, Kiri's Greatest Hits and the soundtracks of television adverts from the real thing is a narrow one, but few seem eager to cross it. **Harry Enfield's Guide to Opera**, the first of whose six parts was transmitted on *Channel 4 last night, could provide just* the stimulus that is needed.

The series' assets were clearly displayed: the sheer likability of Enfield and his genuine, dangerously infectious passion for opera on the one hand, and on the other the good sense talked by Paul Daniel, a television natural and music director of Opera North, *the company chosen to provide* the staged extracts.

Interspersed are sketches for Enfield and Paul Whitehouse, playing either vox pop fruit-'n'-veg street traders (a hint of condescension) or the so-called "ponces": two gruesome opera queens snuggling up on a sofa, separated for some of the time by an exquisite grey *cat, and talking rubbish about Tebaldi* and tessitura. Only the merest hint of exaggeration here, I fear. They were horribly like too many people one bumps into (and shies nervously away from) in the operatic world.

Warning people not to be put off by "smug gits in dinner jackets", Enfield described how he became hooked on *opera after borrowing a highlights disc* of *Traviata* from the public library. "Getting into Verdi is as easy as getting into Michael Jackson. You like the single so you buy the album, then you go to the concert." Quite so: the only differences are of quality, and getting people into opera houses.

We were reminded that it doesn't *have to be expensive — in the regions at* least, and even in London. "If you can afford Andrew Lloyd Webber, you can afford Puccini." Daniel analysed the difference between the Three Tenors and real opera, between sitting at home with your CDs and videos and the near-religious communal experience provided by live performance in a theatre.

In which context, if only the televised extracts had been better directed. The *Traviata* Brindisi — the original source of *Enfield's passion* — looked as if it had been shot in 1963, not 1993. And a Mimi (Anne Dawson) and Gilda (June Anderson) — sporting china-doll make-up and gowns suggesting they had dropped off at the studio on the way to a ball at Buckingham Palace — were "operatic" in a near-poncey way. And in a series about accessibility, why *were the extracts not sung in English?* Definitely a poncey decision.

The extracts are well sung but inhabited a prettified, never-never-land of opera that may put off as many people as Enfield and Daniel turn on, which is a pity: the series deserves to succeed, and I hope it will.

CONCERT: **Gerald Larner** assesses Simon Rattle's journey through the contrasting music of the 1920s

All that jazz, and more

CBSO/Rattle
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DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH and Joseph Stalin both, in very different senses, came to power in the 1920s. Though the young composer in Leningrad must have had some idea of what was going on in Moscow, he can scarcely have known that before long his career and Stalin's would collide with a sickening thud and that he would remain seriously entangled with the Soviet leader until released by the latter's death in 1953.

Even so, listening to Shostakovich's First Symphony, a brilliant graduation exercise written by a 19-year-old student of the Leningrad Conservatoire in 1926, it is difficult to believe that he didn't have some kind of premonition. It begins as a provocative display of sardonic wit — inspired perhaps by the examples of new West European music still liberally imported into Leningrad at that time — but takes an alarming turn in a slow movement dominated by a short but threateningly persistent trumpet call. The shattering recall of that martial element in the middle of the last movement echoes long enough to give a hollow ring to the all too easily triumphant coda.

With Simon Rattle in his present ascetic mood, that aspect of the work was not likely to escape attention when he and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra turned to it at the beginning of the second programme in their "Towards the Millennium" survey of the 1920s. In fact, it was so prominent that one wondered what sinister element they would find in Gershwin's *An American in Paris*. Happily, in a wonderfully idiomatic and colourful performance, they found nothing of the kind. But Rattle had already offset its hedonistic effect with the discoveries of a Parisian in America, the *Amériques* of Edgard Varèse.

Although they have one or two things in common, like an affection for urban sounds or the taxi horn, the two works are directly antithetical. Varèse makes Gershwin seem like a master of structural organisation; Gershwin makes Varèse seem an anarchist, although he was actually a responsible musician experimenting with the nature of sound.

If the length of the work and the size of the orchestra were anything to go by, the concert's major impact would have been made by *Amériques*. In fact, for technical and emotional interest, it could not compete with the Three Fragments from Berg's *Wozzeck*, which were most effectively presented with Elise Ross secure in the solo vocal part and the CBSO sensitively responding to the colouring of the score.

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ROCK ON FRIDAY: An in-depth weekly review and preview of the world of music past, present and to come

Grunge passes its sell-out date

Has the free spirit of the sound from Seattle lost out to the money-men? **David Sinclair** on an excitement gone cold

The hippy ideal died along with Meredith Hunter, the young man stabbed to death at a Rolling Stones concert at Altamont Speedway, in California, in 1969. The end of glam-rock was signalled by David Bowie's bombshell announcement, in 1973, of the retirement of Ziggy Stardust. And punk was buried in 1979 along with the Sex Pistols' bassist Sid Vicious.

So far, thankfully, there has been no comparable symbolic event with which to close the chapter on grunge. A dizzying succession of grunge bands march on, but the signs of the movement's dissipation and imminent demise are nevertheless there for all to see.

It was near the end of last year that Kurt Cobain first wore a T-shirt bearing the legend "Grunge is Dead", and he should know. As the man at the helm of Nirvana, the group which has both defined and, arguably, destroyed grunge by submerging it in the rock mainstream, Cobain is a figurehead and spokesman by default — grunge's Johnny Rotten. As such, Cobain is aware that the more successful grunge becomes, the more meaningless it is as a concept.

The movement which began in splendid, flaky obscurity in the northwestern port of Seattle, Washington, has now turned into a caricature of itself: a global, platinum-plated bandwagon, bankrolled by the multi-national record companies. And, as a modern fashion statement, grunge now looms from the pages of *Vogue* magazine and the upmarket supplements like some grotesquely distorted mirror image of its genuinely bohemian blueprint.

The original followers of grunge, the dropouts and longhairs who became known as "slackers", have even been assimilated by Hollywood, notably in Cameron Crowe's film *Singles*. Like the hippies, anyone wearing a bit of old denim and vaguely in need of a haircut can qualify as one of the gang. Suddenly it all seems a bit passé.

By amalgamating the sound of heavy metal, the melody of pop and the energy of punk, grunge sent a welcome dose of adrenalin pumping through the clogged arteries of rock. But its coherence as a musical force is now increasingly in doubt as any number of acts make hay while the sun shines.

In the case of **Alice in Chains**, who played at the Town & Country, and **Come**, who played at Brixton Academy last weekend, the association with grunge is more to do with accidents of timing and geography than with the actual sound of their music.

Convened in Seattle in 1987, Alice in Chains featured in *Singles*, and eventually hit the jackpot with their million-selling second album, *Dirt*, released last September.

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On stage in London, they started with all the fierceness and flair at their command, rattling off in quick succession the two best tracks from *Dirt* — "Dam That River" and "Them Bones". But from there it was downhill all the way as the riffs got slower and the mix got murkier. Their famously druggy lyrics made scant impression, but as the Black Sabbath-derived motif of "Dirt" gave way to the unashamed Zeppelin steal of "Angry Chair" a faintly depressing profile of a rather leaden, nouveau-heavy metal band emerged.

Come originate from Boston, but having released an acclaimed single, "Car", on Seattle's celebrated Sub Pop label in 1991, they have been swept along on a wave of euphoric coverage in the music press. Their set at Brixton was dire. Too full of their own importance to project anything very much from the stage, they perpetrated a dull, listless, self-regarding drone from start to finish, a salutary example of the kind of self-indulgence that is now taking root on the margins of the grunge ticket.

However, **Dinosaur Jr**, who headlined the Brixton show, turned in a brilliant performance. Led by J. Mascis, widely regarded as the godfather of grunge and the prototype slacker, the trio was founded in Amherst, Massachusetts in 1985, and the progression from the inchoate hardcore rage of their early albums to the sophisticated melodic touch of their latest UK Top 10 hit, "Where You Been", mirrors the softening process which grunge has inevitably undergone over the years.

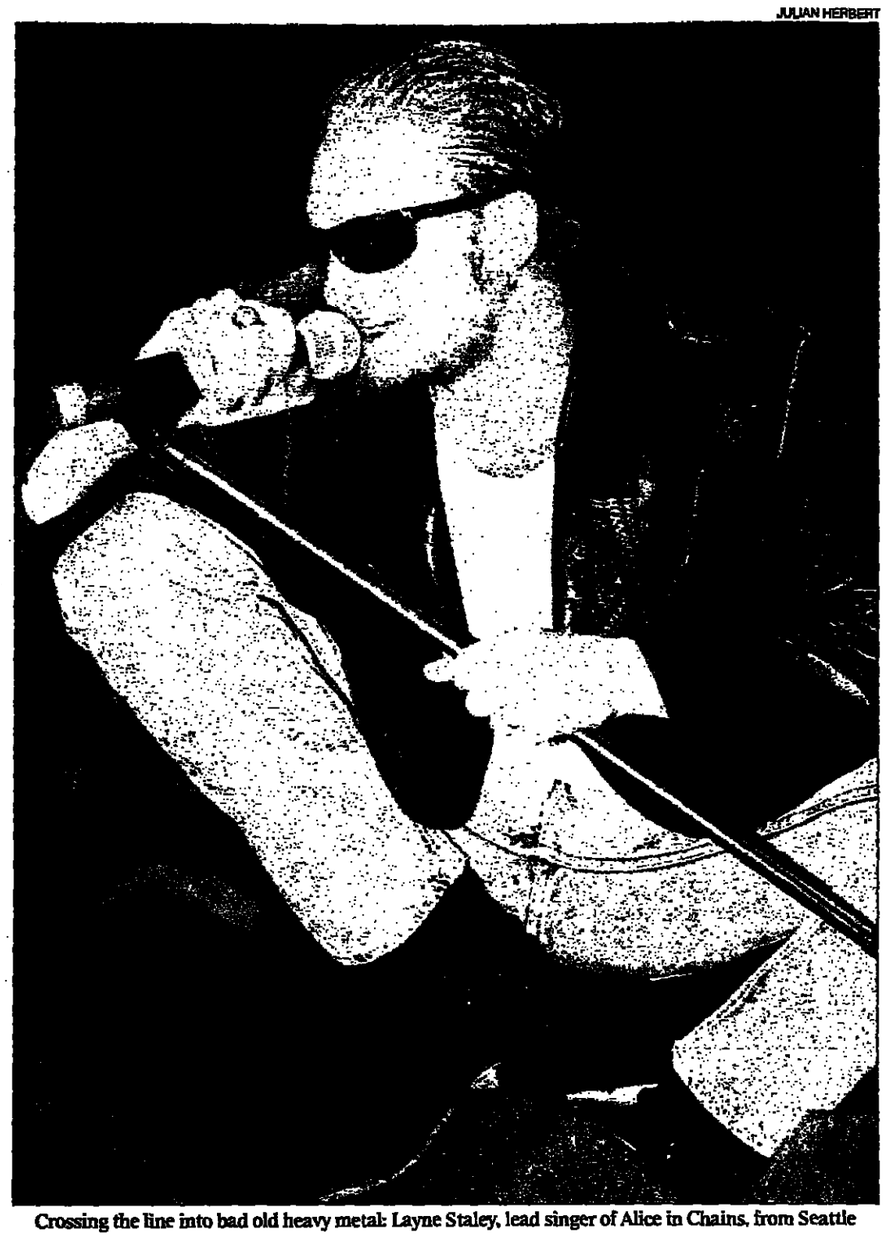
They still looked pretty tough at Brixton, the three men exuding a physical presence as big and hard and menacing as their sound. Stationed in an enclave between his speaker cabinets and a massive pedalboard, Mascis lunged about him, his hair a constant curtain across his face as he cranked the brutal chords and croaked the blissful melodies to "Start Choppin' " and "Out There".

Supporting Alice in Chains at the Town & Country, were **Screaming Trees**, a less successful but far more engaging quartet from Ellensburg, Washington (two hours down the road from Seattle). Their strongest card is singer Mark Lanegan, a man blessed with a gruff, blues-tinged voice a bit like Jim Morrison's, only with a better tone.

Flanked by the hulking shapes of the brothers Van (bass) and Gary Lee Conner (guitar), Lanegan steered his way through a brief but varied set, ranging from the power of "Nearly Lost You" to the more pop-orientated "The Secret Kind", a repertoire and approach very much in keeping with the original free spirit of grunge.

But the most pleasantly surprising performance of the lot was by the little-known Dutch quartet **Bettie Serveert**, who opened the Brixton show. The combination of Carol van Dijke's seductive vocals and guitarist Peter Visser's manic but melodic playing was out of this world. They are perhaps the most imaginative and forward-looking of all these bands — so is it just a coincidence that Bettie Serveert are also the only one with no obvious grunge credentials?

JULIAN HERBERT



Crossing the line into bad old heavy metal: Layne Staley, lead singer of Alice in Chains, from Seattle

SEVEN DAYS

OUT AND ABOUT NEXT WEEK

HYPE: Pink Floyd's *Dark Side Of The Moon*. Re-issued on Monday in a campaign blatantly calculated to cash in on the 20th anniversary of the album's original British release on March 24, 1973. This new "limited edition" (EMI CDDSOM 20) has been digitally remastered (again?) and is packaged in a "redesigned" slipcase. The remastered album was repackaged only last year, as part of the *Shine On* boxed set, and it has been estimated that one in every five households in Britain already owns a copy. How much more can the market bear?

SINGLE: Brontë Brothers' "A Winner Too" (This Way Up WAY 755). Debut disc from Leeds-based band led by singer, songwriter and guitarist Mark Cresswell. Co-written with Tanita Tikaram, this is a gorgeous rootsy chug of a song with touches of highlife guitar flitting above an irresistible funky undertow.

TELEVISION: Frank Zappa. Exclusive interview with the ailing, but still vigorous, polymath on next Thursday's *Late Show* (11.15pm, BBC 2).

QUOTE: "Yes, I have been to your country before — about 2,000 years ago." Bono, responding to a question from an Israeli journalist.

NEW WAVES

The rock insider's guide to the Next Big Things

For the majority of humans, the word techno conjures up images of sleek black boxes from Japan, bursting with microchips and ready to run the planet. **Polygon Window**, who also calls himself The Aphex Twin but remains Richard James to his mum, certainly creates techno music. His latest album, however, includes "Bike Pump Meets Bucket," made with just those humble implements.

In the past, James has soldered himself by accident to his own home-made electronic instruments during performances in front of thousands of impatient techno ravers. Being a Cornishman, he seems to take such mishaps in his stride. The main track on his single is called "Quoth" and was inspired by the industrial equipment he was obliged to use while tunnelling under St Michael's Mount during a summer job.

"Quoth" will be released and deleted on the same day (March 22), giving collecting obsessives the ultimate opportunity for a rare acquisition. Warp Records is not so eccentric that it allows all its artists such a brief moment to find their public. After inventing the term Electronic Listening Music for its *Artificial Intelligence* compilation of last year, this Sheffield-based company has begun to corner the market in a branch of techno also known as progressive, intelligent or armchair.

None of these sobriquets has pleased such serious practitioners as **Black Dog Productions** or **B12**, both from London. Neither does happiness flow when pundits predict, either in dismay or relief, that this new genre will fill the Pink Floyd vacuum. Black Dog's *Bytes* and B12's *Electro-Soma* are both poised at the front of Warp's album release schedule. Recorded in small, domestic studios, the digital pops and analogue squirts of these records are underpinned by sadness. Perhaps the techno's bright, mechanised optimism or raucous hedonism have been cancelled by the future.

DAVID TOOP

RECORDS: The difference between timeless, retro and old-fashioned

Stop if you've heard this one

HOTHOUSE FLOWERS
Songs From The Rain
(London 828350)
IT ALWAYS seems as if a lot has happened in Irish rock between Hothouse Flowers albums, and usually it has. But the band's music retains its curiously timeless appeal.

Their enduring trick is to preserve an air of gentle, childlike naivety while making music of great emotional power and sophistication. Few artists who are not called Van Morrison could sing a song called "Isn't It Amazing", about the voyage through life, and not sound either credulous or vacuous. Liam O'Maonlai, however, passes it off with a unique air of innocent authority. O'Maonlai handles the deeply spiritual "Good For You" and the neo-gospel finale of "An Emotional Time" with a similarly sure-footed touch.

The band nails down the song arrangements with a touch more firmness and overall precision than in the past, but generally they stick to what has now become a clearly defined stylistic path. The only danger is that some people who think they have heard it all before may fail to give this beautiful album the close attention it so richly repays.



Pride of Ireland: Hothouse Flowers in blooming form

LENNY KRAVITZ
Are You Gonna Go My Way
(Virgin 7 86984)
SO HE was right all along. With his penchant for crushed velvet flares and analogue tape recorders, the original retro man had already harnessed the alleged magic of the good old days long before the currently fashionable stampede back to the 1970s began.

Naturally enough, his third album finds him at his most unrepentant and there are lashings of distortion and tape hiss added to the usual antediluvian drum sounds and quaint mixing techniques.

There is the familiar mix of hard rocking struts and tender ballads written in the image of the usual heroes: a sub-Lennon ballad ("Believe"), a salacious, Princely funk-up ("Come On And Love Me"), a pleading Curtis Mayfield falsetto ("Heaven Help"). Kravitz may be stuck in a groove, but his timing is good.

THE TRAGICALLY HIP
Fully Completely
(MCA MCD 10700)
IMAGINE a road-hardened, yet intellectually credible band from North America with a singer whose words are both resonant and weird. Not R.E.M. as it happens, although the Tragically Hip, from Kingston, Ontario are every bit as popular as R.E.M. in Canada, and there are echoes of Michael Stipe's writing in the resolutely opaque lyrics of Gordon Downie.

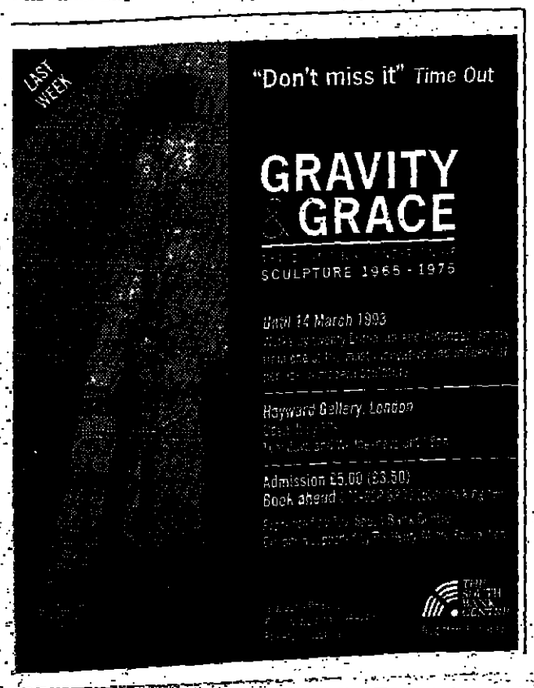
On tracks like "Eldorado" and "Looking For A Place To Happen" Downie's vocal delivery also invites comparison with that of Peter Garrett of Midnight Oil.

But the marvel of this album is its gorgeous guitar textures, so clean and warm yet hard enough to give a tense, edgy quality to most of the songs.

The best track, "Pigeon Camera", has an eerie, drifting feel. Towards the end it is swept off into the distance by a patchwork of guitars, a chiming church bell and odd snatches of Mexican percussion. It is quite the most sensual sound I've heard this year.

LIVING COLOUR
Stain
(Epic 472856)
WHILE Hothouse Flowers and Lenny Kravitz have returned to the fray none the worse for having been away, Living Colour have not been so lucky. Their unyielding brand of politico-thrash metal was par for the course at the time of their last album, *Time's Up*, in 1990, but the goalposts have since been shifted by the grunge revolution. The ridiculously convoluted arrangement of "Mind Your Own Business"; the mega-funk riff of "Never Satisfied"; the coarse death metal blast of "Go Away": it all now sounds, unintentionally, rather old-fashioned.

DAVID SINCLAIR



TOP TEN ALBUMS

1 Are You Gonna Go My Way ..... Lenny Kravitz (Virgin America)
2 Ten Summoner's Tales ..... Sting (A&M)
3 Whatever You Say, Say Nothing ..... Deacon Blue (Columbia)
4 The Bodyguard ..... Various artists (Arista)
5 Diva ..... Annie Lennox (RCA)
6 Automatic For The People ..... R.E.M. (Warner Brothers)
7 Lead Singer ..... Rod Stewart (Warner Brothers)
8 Unplugged ..... Eric Clapton (Duck)
9 Dangerous ..... Michael Jackson (Epic)
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Cold comfort among the cardigan brigade



FREUD ON FRIDAY

The Guild Hall in Preston, venue of multitudinous sporting events, staged the world indoor bowls championships last week. I went. There was no mistaking the building, which had six BBC scanner vans parked outside, while posters of future attractions adorned the walls: *Cossi Fan Tutte* comes soon; best of Gilbert and Sullivan after that, then Howard Keele's farewell tour.

I entered the premises, found myself in a huge empty foyer, looked around and discovered a man standing in the shadows at the top of the stairs.

"Is this right for bowls?"

"Behind you and on the right."

"What goes on up there?"

"Theatre."

If there was a performance in progress, it was very quiet: perhaps Marcel Marceau's farewell tour.

You cannot just walk into a bowls match, for the movement causes the players to lose concentration, so you stand half-way up the staircase, behind a woman in a pinstripe jacket who shushes putative disturbers of the peace.

After five minutes of muted oohs and aaahs from within, there came restrained applause — such as you get at a chess tournament when black takes a pawn. It was the end of an end; "all right now," Miss Pinstripe said, and I entered the hall where there was banked seating on either side of a green carpet 40 metres long and five metres wide.

I was witnessing a pairs match between the reds and the blues. The scoreboard confirmed this, showed that blues were a set ahead, reds one shot up in the second.

I would really like to have known who they were, but nobody around me had a programme; also, as in whist, talking during play is discouraged — though unlike whist there is no smoking, much crackling of confectionery wrappers. The air was heavy with the smell of boiled sweets.

Two things struck me about the spectators, of whom there were several hundred: they were all about my age and they all wore knitwear. Two things also struck me about the players: their youth and their white trousers, which were badly in need of ironing; even 20 minutes in the trouser press of my room at the Forte Posthouse would have made a difference.

A large notice proclaimed Midland Bank Bowls, and between those of us who watched and those who played there were many pots of flowers: white-purple-yellow; white-purple-yellow, all around the hall; strictly florist, no innovations.

It is little fun having nobody to support; I wanted to be partisan, but throughout life and especially during my years in politics, red and blue have not been favourite colours. Sitting in that distant auditorium, alone among the knitwear, an hour into the game, one would have looked foolish asking: "Who is playing?"

It was bad enough being sweet-less and not wearing a cardigan.

The reds had a player who looked like Robin Day 30 years ago; should I inwardly shout for him ... or silently root for the blues, whose skip had the most extraordinary bulge in his trousers. I decided to strain my hearing, catch their words and support my preferred nationality: I am pro-Greece, Portugal and Ireland, anti-France and Australia.

The red team, whose off-white trousers would have benefited from a Sketchley service (which also gets you air miles), shook each other by the hand after every tolerable wood — a sure sign of un-Britishness.

I caught the words "goongolly, addeyjok and spitonedepaw", possibly Scandinavian, maybe Finnish, if Finns play bowls.

The blues were less verbose: "luxgoot" I heard one say; "frintjes" replied his colleague; this sounded Dutch. Holland versus Finland. The choice left me cold — left me there among the alien knitwear who were moving their heads slowly to witness the progress of the woods along the carpet, watching live a sport designed for edited highlights.

I tried to match the *frisson* of excitement as players lined up to fire rather than place; I failed.

Blue, with a last-bull nudge, won the match three sets to nil. "Good one," a strippling of a spectator still on the right side of 65 shouted, and as the players shook hands — the blues with the reds, all of them with the umpire — the crowd put on their anoraks and their woollen scarves ...

An official-looking man called out: "Thank you ladies and gentlemen, please," meaning "go home". It was 9.15pm. The all-night cafe in Preston was already closed.

In my hotel room, I called up the Ceefax bowls page on my television to find that in the evening's world championship pairs match, Scotland had beaten Wales by the very same score as blue beat red in the game I watched.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Watson sets pace in Doral Open

TOM Watson, the United States Ryder Cup captain, has not won on his home tour since 1987 and has never won in Florida (Patricia Davies writes). But yesterday, in the first round of the Doral-Ryder Open on the Blue course at Doral Country Club, Miami, he was one of the early leaders with a round of 68, four under par.

"This is like the old days," he said. With Jack Nicklaus, another old stager, on 69, it almost was. Watson then asserted with a practicality born of experience that his score would not be leading by the end of the day and, out on the course, Greg Norman was in the process of proving him right at six under with two to play.

Watson started at the 10th with a par five then launched his round on the right path with an eagle two at the 348-yard 11th, where he holed from 130 yards with a pitching wedge. Nicklaus dropped only one shot — at the 6th, his 15th — while Nick Faldo and Sandy Lyle, of Britain, were among the late starters.

LEADING EARLY FIRST-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 68: T Watson, R Wrenn, L Roberts 69: J Nicklaus. 70: J McGovern, M Standly, J Mahaffey. 71: S Gump, S Hoch, D Barr (Can), B McCallister, L Nelson, R Zokol (Can).

Marshall on march

SQUASH: Peter Marshall reached the quarter-finals of the Spanish Open by beating Mark Maclean, from Scotland, 15-6, 15-13, 15-8 in just 39 minutes in Madrid yesterday. Marshall, 21, promoted to world No. 5 earlier this week, meets Sami Elopuro, of Finland, for a semi-final place today. Elopuro beat Mark Allen, from England, but not before Allen, ranked world No. 134, had saved three match points in going down 17-14, 15-7, 7-15, 15-14. Jason Nicolle, from England, went down 15-4, 11-15, 15-6, 15-7 to the No. 7 seed, Rodney Eyles, from Australia, who next meets the world No. 1, Jansher Khan, from Pakistan, who disposed of Austin Adarraga, from Spain, 15-12, 15-12, 15-9.

Le Mans loses Jaguar

MOTOR RACING: Jaguar has withdrawn its XJR-12 sports cars, which won the Le Mans 24-hour race in 1988 and 1990, from the event this year because of a dispute over regulations. Race organisers refused to change the rules, which control power through air restrictors on engines, despite Jaguar's protests that its cars would be placed at a power disadvantage against Peugeot, Porsche and Toyota. "We cannot be competitive," Tom Walkinshaw, the Jaguar team owner, said. "We have never gone to a race to make up the numbers." Jaguar will still compete at Le Mans on June 19 and 20 by entering two XJ220C coupés in the new GT category.

Keane stays at Forest

FOOTBALL: Roy Keane, the Republic of Ireland midfield player, yesterday agreed a 3½-year deal, reputed to be worth £5,000 a week, that will keep him at Nottingham Forestuntil the summer of 1996. Keane, who cost Forest £25,000 when he was signed from the Irish club, Cobh Ramblers, in August 1990, had been chased by all the leading Premier League clubs. He said: "I can't forget that Forest gave me my chance in the game. By signing a new contract, people will realise that I want to show loyalty to Forest. All the speculation about my future has bothered me a bit, but now it's over I just want to concentrate on helping Forest stay in the Premier League for next season."

Fitness worry for Chen

TABLE TENNIS: Chen Xinhua is unlikely to be fit to defend his English national title at King's Lynn tomorrow and Sunday. The former Chinese international, now based in Yorkshire, is still troubled by the thigh injury that caused his withdrawal from the European Top 12 tournament in Copenhagen two weeks ago. Injuries have kept him out of three important events so far this season and Donald Parker, the England manager, is worried about Chen's fitness for the world championships in May. In his absence this weekend, Carl Prean, beaten by Chen in the final last year, will be favourite to regain the title. Lisa Lomas is expected to win the women's singles.

Hendry cautious



SNOOKER: Stephen Hendry, right, refused to read too much into his 5-0 win over Mark Bennett in the quarter-finals of the £250,000 Wickes British Open at Derby yesterday. "I've had such a dreadful season, I'm not going to make any rash predictions after one good performance," Hendry, who made a total clearance of 135 in the third frame of a one-sided match, said.

Civil Service hold on

HOCKEY: Civil Service held off a late onslaught by the Army at Aldershot yesterday to win 2-0 and add to their 1-0 victory over the Royal Navy on Wednesday and an earlier 1-1 draw with the RAF. Civil Service scored their first goal after 31 minutes when a stick tackle by the Army inside the circle led to a penalty stroke which Taylor converted. Two minutes into the second half, Taylor set up a chance for D'Cruz to increase the lead for Civil Service. They nearly went further ahead soon afterwards when Taylor scooped the ball against a post. A sparkling run by Way through the middle of the field led to a spell of Army pressure, but they failed to take advantage of a sequence of short corners.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Reilly will resign if GB fiasco repeated

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

MALCOLM Reilly will resign his Great Britain coaching position if the episode that deprived him of five of his squad yesterday and resulted in a frantic round of telephone calls to the available able-bodied to play in the international match against France at Carcassonne on Sunday is repeated.

The rearrangement of league and cup games for Wednesday and the trail of casualties left in its wake left Reilly, understandably, apoplectic. A first and surely last waiving of the regulation on selected players being freed from club rugby in the week of an international brought dire consequences.

At Headingley, yesterday, just six of Reilly's original selection of 19 were fit to train. Reilly, appointed in 1987, said: "If the Rugby Football League wants to play midweek games before international matches, count me out."

Martin Offiah, Kelvin Skerrett and Martin Dermott all limped off in the Leeds v Wigan match on Wednesday. Denis Betts is unavailable and Sonny Nickle, of St Helens, joined a casualty list already including Andy Platt and Paul Newlove.

"If it had been Australia or New Zealand, we might as well have given them the game," Reilly said.

Neil Cowie, Steve McCurrie and Steve Molloy form a new front row. Stuart Spruce provides another glimpse into the future at full back. John Devereux and Alan Hunte, two recipients of unexpected phone calls yesterday, came in on the wings.

GREAT BRITAIN: S Spruce (Widnes), J Devereux (Widnes), A Currier (Widnes), G Connolly (St Helens), A Hunte (St Helens), G Schofield (Leeds, captain), S Edwards (Wigan), N Cowie (Wigan), S McCurrie (Widnes), S Molloy (Leeds), R Eyres (Widnes), P Clarke (Wigan), E Hanley (Leeds). Subs: M Ford (Castleford), C Joint (St Helens), A Bateman (Warrington), S MacNamara (Hull). Travelling reserves: D Lyon (St Helens), D Powell (Sheffield Eagles).

☐ Central Park, Wigan, is the venue for the first Silk Cup Challenge Cup semi-final, between Leeds and Widnes, tomorrow week. Wigan meet Bradford Northern at Elland Road, Leeds, on March 27.

Sheffield's longing for success with style unites Bramall Lane

Passion fans Cup flames for Bassett



David Powell on the working man's manager with a Wembley objective and the Sheffield United supporters anxious to recapture former glories

TRY telling Tottenham Hotspur that Sheffield United are a long-ball team. Not one of their goals in the 6-0 Premier League defeat of Tottenham on Tuesday stemmed from the long ball. It was all crisp and incisive movement. Good crosses, too.

For the last five years, United have been managed by Dave Bassett, whose 14 years at long-ball Wimbledon ended the season before they won the FA Cup. "This long-ball thing is a preconceived idea," Bassett said. "If people see two long balls in a game, it is long-ball team."

Wimbledon averaged considerably more than two, but it got them to Wembley. "It was a happy-sad day for me," Bassett said. "Happy because

FA CUP

a lot of the team I had built was there, but sad because I had a little tear that I could have been there too."

Now Bassett's chance has come. Tomorrow, Sheffield United play Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park in the quarter-finals. "I have never been to Wembley, never even been to a semi-final," he said. Sheffield United's supporters know the feeling. The last time United reached the Cup Final was in 1936. The last of their four Cup wins came in 1925.

Bassett is a working man's manager. He has a large desk in a spacious office, but wears jeans and no tie to work. This is how it is in South Yorkshire. "I have noticed there is more passion in the north, certainly more people who talk, drink and eat football than there is in London," he said. "I am not knocking London, but, for passion, Sheffield is a different world."

It is a passion which consumed Paul Woolhouse, a lifelong supporter who agreed to buy a controlling interest in 1990. The effect was a restrictive hand on Bassett's transfer activity because Woolhouse, a Sheffield scrap metal dealer, was caught by the recession and fell behind with his payments.

On Monday, a High Court judge ruled that control should return to the family of Reg Brealey, to whom Woolhouse had agreed to pay £2.75 million for 62.3 per cent of United's shares. But Brealey is still on the subs' bench because Woolhouse was granted 28 days to consider an appeal. Bassett says it is points which concern him, not shares, but one influences the other. "I am not saying that it has not affected us because it may have been possible to have conducted a bit more transfer activity," he said.

Meanwhile, he acts on instinct: the team which beat Tottenham, to lift United out of the bottom three, contained seven changes, though it was one of the survivors, Deane, who did the most damage. He set up three goals with crosses and scored one.

Given United's away form — 15 defeats in 19 matches — they might wish they were back in the days when ground advantage could be bought. On the other hand, perhaps not. When Blackpool sold their ground advantage to Sheffield United for £250 in the early 1900s for a second-round match, they won 2-1 at Bramall Lane.

United still hold the record league away win, having beaten Burslem Port Vale 10-0 in 1892. A contemporary report noted that the Port Vale goalkeeper had "lost his spectacles in the mud". The goalkeeper who faced United in the 1901 Cup Final was more formidable. At more than 20 stones, Billy Foulke is the largest man to have played first-class football. Tottenham won 3-1 in a replay.

That was an age when the Sheffield clubs were consistently successful in England's main two competitions. Between them, United and Wednesday have won the FA Cup seven times and the league on five occasions. But neither has won either since 1935, though these are good days again compared with the late 1970s and early 1980s. Then, Wednesday spent half a decade in the old third division and United fell into the fourth; now both are in the Premier League and through to the Cup's last eight (Wednesday are away to Derby County on Monday).

"It would be wonderful if both Sheffield teams reached the final," Bassett said, "but I do not dream about it. All I am concerned about is trying to overcome Blackburn." Preferably in the style served up against Tottenham.

ALAN COZZI



Deane: display against Tottenham lifted Sheffield United out of the bottom three

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Late results on Wednesday

EUROPEAN CUP: Champions League: Group A: CSKA Moscow 1, Marseilles 1, Bruges 1, Rangers 1. Group B: PSV 1, Gothenburg 2, Porto 0, AC Milan 1.

FA PREMIER LEAGUE: Coventry City 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0; Everton 2, Blackburn 1; Norwich 1, Arsenal 1; Nottingham Forest 1, Crystal Palace 1.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE. First division: Derby County 0, Cambridge United 0. Second division: Huddersfield Town 1, Brighton 2.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Semi-final south: Stoke City 0, Port Vale 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Stafford 0, Merthyr Tydfil 1.

UEFA UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP: England 4, Holland 0.

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-final: First leg: Sparta Prague 0, Parma (It) 0.

UEFA CUP: Quarter-final: First leg: Auxerre 4, Ajax 2.

NEVILLE OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 2, Portsmouth 1. Second division: Birmingham 4, Bristol Rovers 1, Swansea 9, Yeovil 0; Cardiff 5, Cheltenham 1. League Cup: Exeter 0, Bournemouth 3.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Rotherham 0, Liverpool 0; Aston Villa 3, Sheffield United 1. Second division: Burnley 2, Middlesbrough 0; Wigan 0, Blackpool 1; York 1, Mansfield 0. Postponed: Port Vale v West Bromwich.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE. Premier division: Solihull 1, VS Rugby 0. Midland division: Barr 2, Bilston 1; Yate 0, Sutton Coldfield 3.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Durham 2, Murton 1; Prudhoe Newtown 0, Guisborough 5; South Bank 0, Billingham Synthonia 2. Second division: Crook 2, Evenwood 0; Prudhoe East End 1, Langley Park 0.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Edgware 2, Barton 1; Rainham 0, Malden Vale 0. Third division: Collier Row 0, Thame 0.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Southern Amateur League 2, Southern Olympian League 2.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Haileybury 3, Oundle 1.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Barcelona 2, Real Oviedo 0.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Chicago Bulls 125, Dallas Mavericks 97; Boston Celtics 132, San Antonio Spurs 91; Utah Jazz 106, Detroit Pistons 98; Miami Heat 125, Washington Bullets 109; Phoenix Suns 125, Philadelphia 76ers 115; Los Angeles Lakers 117, Golden State Warriors 111; Houston Spurs 89, Sacramento 86.

CARLSBERG LEAGUE. Men: First division: Thames Valley Tigers 85, Proton Manchester Giants 69.

BOBSLEIGHING

LILLEHAMMER, Norway: World Cup event: Four-man: 1, Germany II, 1min 44.40sec; 2, Austria I, 1.44.64; 3, United States I, 1.44.77; 7, Britain I (S Olsson, D Ward, V Bramble, L Pauh), 1.45.20. Final positions: 1, B Shimer (US), 168pts; 2, C Lori (Can), 135; 3, W Hoppe (Ger), 129. British position: 6, M Tout, 115. Combination leader (two-man and four-man): Shimer British position: 7, Tout, 212.

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy 2, British Police 3 (at Aldershot).

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Bristol 4, Edinburgh 0; Loughborough 0, Birmingham 1.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bishop's Stortford Coll 3, Watford GS 1; Brentham 2, Abingdon 1; Seaford 3, King Edward VI Southampton 1; St George's, Weybridge 5, Trinity 1; Whitgift 4, Hockey Association XI 3.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New Jersey Devils 7, Hartford Whalers 4; New York Rangers 2, Buffalo Sabres 2; Tampa Bay Lightning 3, Montreal Canadiens 1; Toronto Maple Leafs 3, Minnesota North Stars 1.

LACROSSE

MILTON KEYNES: National schoolgirls Tournament: Boyd Cup (semi-final): Semi-finals: Queen Anne's, Caversham 3, Queen Margaret's, York 1; Guildford HS 9, Princess Helena 0. Final: Queen Anne's 2, Guildford HS 1. Westcott-Jones Cup (juniors). Semi-finals: Downe House, Newbury 4, Cheltenham 1; Queen Anne's 4, Abbot's Hill 0. Final: Downe House 2, Queen Anne's 1.

REAL TENNIS

NEW YORK: World championship: Second legs: L Deuchar (Aus) drew with W Davies (Aus), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 3-6 (Davies leads 5-3 overall).

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Third round replay: Oldham 4, Bradford 42; Widnes 16, Hull Kingston Rovers 11.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Halifax 34, Hull O; Leeds 6, Wigan 31; St Helens 24, Castleford 20.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Metropolitan Police 14, Army 25; Oxford University 42, Swansea University 18.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Malvern 39, King Henry's, Coventry 0.

SNOOKER

DERBY: Wickes British Open: Quarter-final: S Davis (Eng) bt K Doherty (Ire), 5-4; J Wattana (Tha) bt A Drago (Malta), 5-2; S Hendry (Scot) bt M Bennett (Wales), 5-0.

SQUASH

MADRID: Spanish Open: First round (England unless stated): Zarak Jahan Khan (Pak) bt C Walker, 15-10, 8-15, 15-11, 15-13; R Norman (NZ) bt J Ransome, 15-7, 15-7, 15-11; M Allen bt A Hands, 15-12, 15-9, 11-15, 7-15, 17-14; D Meddings bt G Wilson (NZ), 15-11, 15-9, 15-13; H Wilkins (Ger) bt A Davies (Wales), 15-3, 15-13, 15-8; P Whitlock bt A Schleicher (Aus), 15-14, 9-15, 15-9, 15-2; C Dittmar (Aus) bt C van der Walt (SA), 15-12, 15-8, 15-9; J Bonetat (Fr) bt S Franz (Ger), 10-15, 15-11, 15-4, 15-11; S Meads bt S Parkin 15-5, 15-9, 15-14. Second round: P Marshall (Eng) bt M Maclean (Scot), 15-6, 15-13, 15-6; R Eyles (Aus) bt J Nicolle (Eng), 15-4, 11-15, 15-8, 15-7; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt A Adarraga (Sp), 15-12, 15-12, 15-9.

TENNIS

COVENTRY: LTA Masters: Quarter-finals: S Hatle (Fr) bt T Kempers (Holl), 7-6, 7-6; F Cousin (Fr) bt M Barnard (SA), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Semi-finals: Cousin bt Hatle, 6-3, 6-3; A Foster (GB) bt M Patchey (GB), 1-6, 6-3, 7-6.

INDIAN WELLS, California: ATP tournament: Men: First round (US unless stated): B Karbacher (Ger) bt C Costa (Sp), 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; T Muster (Austria) bt J Oncins (Br), 6-4, 6-0; A Mancini (Arg) bt J Sánchez (Sp), 6-2, 2-6, 7-6; E Sánchez (Sp) bt G Ruseduski (Can), 6-4, 6-4; F Santoro (Fr) bt J Tarango, 6-2, 0-6, 6-3; J Palmer (US) bt R Furlan (It), 6-3, 6-4. Second round: Courier bt D Wheaton, 5-3, 7-6; R Raneberg bt S Edberg (Swe), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; M Chang bt J Stark, 6-4, 6-4; M Washington bt J Hlasek (Switz), 6-2, 6-2; T Martin bt A Boetsch (Fr), 6-4, 5-7, 7-6; P Sampras (US) bt L Mattar (Br), 6-4, 6-4; P Korda (Cz) bt F Calvet (Sp), 6-3, 7-6; A Mancini (Arg) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro), 6-3, 6-2; M Rosset (Switz) bt A Agassi (US), 3-6, 7-5, 6-4; F Santoro (Fr) bt M Shch (Ger), 3-6, 7-6, 7-6; T Muster (Austria) bt G Stafford (US), 6-4, 6-4; W Ferreira (SA) bt E Sánchez (Sp), 6-7, 7-6, 7-5; A Volkov (Russ) bt C-U Steeb (Ger), 2-6, 7-5, 6-3; B Gilbert (US) bt J Palmer (US), 6-7, 6-4, 7-6; J Grabb (US) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 6-3, 6-2; J Yzaga (Peru) bt B Karbacher (Ger), 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

DELRAY BEACH, Florida: Women's tournament: Second round (US unless stated): P Hy (Canada) bt S McCarthy, 6-1, 7-5; B Schultz (Holl) bt M Zivec-Skuji (Ger), 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; B Rajner (Ger) bt S Amiach (Fr), 6-4, 6-1; M Fernandez bt R Simpson-Alter (Can), 6-2, 6-2; S Cecchini (It) bt J Byrne (Aus), 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; A Huber (Ger) bt N Arendt, 6-0, 6-4; Z Garrison-Jackson bt S Rottier (Holl), 6-4, 3-6, 7-6; I Majoli (Cro) bt A Grossman, 6-3, 6-3; G Sabatini (Arg) bt C Papadaki (Gr), 6-2, 6-3; A Coetzer (SA) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan), 7-5, 6-4; L Davenport bt P Romano (It), 6-3, 6-4; R Fairbank-Nideffer bt M Dyke (Can), 6-4, 6-4.

COPENHAGEN: Men's tournament: First round: A Jarryd (Swe) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; A Olhovskiy (Rus) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 3-3, ret. Second round: A Manedorf (Isr) bt F Roig (Sp), 6-3, 6-0; M Larsson (Swe) bt M Gollner (Ger), 6-1, 6-2.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League

Second division

Swansea v Stockport

Third division

Doncaster v York

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich v Chelsea.

OTHER MATCH: Drogheda United v Aston Villa (at Tolka Park).

RUGBY UNION

A Internationals

England v Spain (at Richmond, 2.15)

Wales v Ireland (at Newport, 6.0)

Representative match

English Students v Scottish Students (at Basingstoke, 3.0)

Club matches

7.30 unless stated

Abertillery v Lydney (7.0)

Bedford v Selkirk

Bristol v Pontypridd (7.15)

Clifton v Portadown

Glamorgan Wanderers v Derry (7.0)

London Irish v Heriot's FP

Maesteg v Ebbw Vale (7.0)

Newbridge v Bath (7.0)

Northampton v Gala

Rugby v Jed-Forest

Wasps v Melrose

Gloucester v Bridgend (7.0)

Leicester v Moseley (7.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter championship

Bradford v Wakefield (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Wickes DIY British Open (Derby).

TENNIS: LTA indoor satellite tournament (Coventry).

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WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 44

EOBIONT

(a) A hypothetical chemical structure, supposed to arise during biopoesis, that has certain characteristics of living matter but is not alive in the fullest sense, from the Greek *ēōs* dawn + *bioun* to live, *bios* life: "In early systems, which may be called eobionts, functions may have been performed by other materials, inefficiently no doubt, but well enough to get things started. *Note: Eobiont* = dawn organism."

TAGMEME

(a) The smallest meaningful unit of grammar, from the Greek *tagma* arrangement: "In the case of lexical forms, we have defined the smallest meaningful units as morphemes, and their meanings as sememes; in the same way, the smallest meaningful units of grammatical form may be spoken of as tagmemes, and their meanings as episememes." May be so spoken of, if you must.

LAVA-LAVA

(c) In Samoa and some other Pacific islands, a sort of skirt, from the Samoan: "Lava-lavas are skirts made from a single length of cloth, originally introduced by the missionaries for reasons of modesty, often wrapped round the body from bosom to knee by Samoan women."

PULQUE

(b) A light alcoholic drink from Mexico made from the juice of various agave plants. The agave is a plant native to tropical America with tall flower stalks rising from thick fleshy leaves, from the Greek *agauē* feminine of *agauos* illustrious.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Nf7! Kxf7 2 Qxe6+! Kg6 (2 ... Kxe6 3 Ng5 mate) 3 g4! and mate follows next move.

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Jockey Club sets up telephone hotline

Reward offered to help catch dopers

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE Jockey Club is setting up a confidential telephone hotline and offering a £5,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for racing's present doping scandal.

The unprecedented moves by racing's rulers came yesterday amid growing concern that other horses have been nobbled with drugs which do not show up in subsequent tests — or are successfully "masked".

Bill Gredley, the leading owner-breeder, said last night he was convinced Environment Friend was "got at" before he ran in the 1991 Derby. The James Fanshawe-trained grey, who subequently won the Eclipse Stakes, showed all the classic signs of having been nobbled before the Epsom race, he said.

Neville Dunnett, director of the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory, said yesterday: "We try and design our screening analysis to be as broad-based as we can make it. Obviously, it is impossible to cover every drug on every occasion for every sample. What worries me is things out there which are not legitimate and which we may not know about until some time after they have been used."

Roger Buffham, head of security at the Jockey Club, disclosed that over the past fortnight several trainers had claimed their horses had been "got at" or had shown pre-race signs of being sedated.

"We are alerting trainers to the fact they do have the right under Rules — I would say duty — to withdraw a horse right up to the start if it is showing signs of sudden or uncharacteristic behaviour," he said. "We will test that horse and treat the test as a private test for which there will be no charge. If it proves to be positive, the trainer will be absolved of the normal responsibilities under Rules."

Buffham said there was no evidence to link the doping of Flash Of Straw at Yarmouth in August with that of Her Honour at Kempton in January or with the nobbling of three horses in 1990. However, investigators are convinced the latest crimes have been masterminded by a bookmaker or bookmakers and carried out by rogue stable staff.

The difficulty Buffham and police face is not only finding the person who carried out the doping, but proving the link with the instigator and the conspiracy to defraud. "It is not sufficient to catch the stable lad with a smoking syringe," he said.

Investigators are still following up leads in the Flash Of Straw case and Buffham was optimistic about resolving the doping of Her Honour.

"I think within six weeks, if not sooner, we will be able to come to a conclusive result," he said. "We hope to have some explanation, but may not have the necessary evidence for a conviction."

Buffham, who has Army experience in counter-terrorism and military intelligence, arrived at the Jockey Club last summer and has carried out a fundamental review within his department of 45 full-time and 90 part-time staff.

New investigating officers with racing experience have been recruited, surveillance equipment is being installed at racecourse stables, and a streamlined information system involving stewards' secretaries, betting ring inspectors and outside informants is in place.

Raceguard, the 24-hour confidential telephone "hotline", comes into effect on Tuesday (071-935 7151) and will enable people to report information regarding crime in racing.

The reward of up to £5,000 will go to anyone "who provides information leading to a conviction of any person who commits a serious offence in relation to racing."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SCOTONI
(2.45 Fontwell)
Next best: El Volador
(3.45 Fontwell)

Pitman's triple challenge

By Michael Seely

JENNY Pitman could be three-handed in the Cheltenham Gold Cup if Wednesday's gallant Worcester winner, The Illywhacker, is allowed to join Garrison Savannah and Royal Athlete in the line-up for the blue riband of steeplechasing.

In putting an end to Young Hustler's winning sequence, The Illywhacker again showed the class which had seen him finish third to The Fellow in the King George VI Chase at Kempton.

However, the trainer harbours slight reservations about running the eight-year-old in the Gold Cup. "It's something we've got to mull over," she said yesterday. "Although he ran well at Kempton, he's only a second-season novice and there's a possibility we will keep him for the Cathcart."

Both Garrison Savannah and Royal Athlete, on the other hand, have their sights firmly set on the Gold Cup and the Grand National.

The short-head conqueror of The Fellow at Cheltenham in 1991, Garrison Savannah showed himself to be nearing his peak in last week's John Bull Chase at Wincanton.

Attempting to give 10lb to Cavvies Clown, the gelding was beaten two lengths, with Cool Ground back in third.

"That was a good performance," Pitman said. "Cavvies Clown has finished second in a Gold Cup and won other good races. And Garrison is 10lb better at Cheltenham than anywhere else."

Pitman will find her patient skills taxed to the limit as she struggles to get Royal Athlete to his best for Cheltenham and Aintree.



Pitman: skills taxed by Royal Athlete's problems

Royal Athlete was the outstanding staying novice chaser of the 1989-90 season. This term, he has won a handicap hurdle and put up a sound effort when fourth to Zeta's Lad in the Racing Post Chase at Kempton last week.

"He's an iron horse and no quitter," his admiring trainer said. "Last Saturday was the first time he'd jumped a fence in a competitive race for nearly three years.

"We've had a lot of problems with his wheels and he has a pigmentation problem as well. But we had to run him at Kempton as the ground was starting to firm up. Quite a few in the yard have backed him for the National and David Stait has promised me a good holiday if he wins it."

Davy Blake to make most of allowance

By Brian Beel

THE TIMES RISING STARS

TODAY'S Times Rising Stars qualifier at Kelso looks to be a match between Many A Slip and Davy Blake, with the other seven playing minor roles.

Last season, Davy Blake ran in only one point-to-point but was impressive in winning the Cumberland maiden in a time which equalled that of the ladies' open winner, who carried 21lb less.

He has continued in that vein in his two outings this term. At Friars Haugh, in a field of 16, he made all to win unchallenged by a distance and then defied a 7lb penalty at the Badsworth three weeks ago in the fastest time of the day.

Between times, in the autumn, he was not as successful, however, unseating at the last when in with a winning chance in a novice chase at Perth, and finishing second and fifth in two hurdles.

Still a maiden under Rules, Davy Blake thus has a weight advantage over Many A Slip, who won a hunter chase at Newcastle last year.

Since coming from Ireland, like his rider, Noel Wilson, who once won the novice point-to-point riding title over there, Many A Slip has won all of his three point-to-points. Two were last season and the latest came in the Badsworth open, where he outjumped the useful former chaser, Randolph Place.

Made favourite to beat a good field at Haydock last week, Many A Slip finished 40 lengths behind the winner, Radical Views, but the reason for that poor showing was that he swallowed his tongue.

Barney Rubble won two of his four point-to-points last season and his run at Ayr three weeks ago, when third to Pollibrig, makes him a cut above the remainder.

Of the others, all bar Sandedge are maiden point-to-pointers, and she has won only a weak members' race.

In conclusion, if he is able to negotiate the stiff Kelso fences, Davy Blake, with his 7lb advantage, may have the edge over the more experienced Many A Slip.

KELSO LINE-UP

4.20 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTER CHASE
(Qualifier: amateurs: £1,829: 3m 1f) (9 runners)

1 134-14 MANY A SLIP 7 (BF,F,G,S) (J Cooper) T Watford 8-12-5 .... N Wilson (7) [illegible]
2 RU1-03 BARNEY RUBBLE 20 (G,S) (D Whillans) D Whillans 8-11-12 .... G Robinson (7) 83
3 5/6-2F COT LANE 20 (J Walmsley) J Walmsley 8-11-12 .... R Walmsley (7) —
4 1F3011 DAVY BLAKE 20 (T Dalgetty) T Dalgetty 6-11-12 .... J M Dun (7) 85
5 622-34 MERRY JERRY 20 (Mrs P Strubsole) C Storey 7-11-12 .... C Storey (7) —
6 000-P2 THE RIGHT GUY 13 (P Needham) P Needham 8-11-12 .... S Swiers —
7 0OP-F2 LINN FALLS 13 (Mrs V Gelmour) Miss C Dawson 8-11-7 .... Mrs V Jackson (7) —
8 35-004 SANDEDGE 13 (F) (F Whoa) G White 6-11-7 .... R Hale (7) —
9 5P-3 SATIN D'OR 20 (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 7-11-7 .... P Johnson (5) —

☐ Form figures and racecard details include point-to-points

BETTING: 11-8 Many A Slip, 6-4 Davy Blake, 8-1 Barney Rubble, 14-1 Col Lane, 16-1 Linn Falls, 25-1 Satin D'Or, 66-1 Merry Jerry, Sandedge, The Right Guy.

FORM FOCUS

BARNEY RUBBLE won two point to points from four outings in 1992; showed fair ability when 3rd of 6 last time out in Ayr hunter chase. COT LANE poor novice hurdler/chaser, 2nd of 18, beaten a distance, in a restricted at Cottenham Jan 30. DAVY BLAKE, won only point last season, but subsequently fell at last in novice chase and second in a hurdle; convincing winner of both points this season. LINN FALLS hurdler of little account; fallen and 2nd of 10 in two points this term. MANY A SLIP, Newcastle hunter chase winner, and won both points in 1992. Fourth to Radical Views at Haydock a week ago; previously won 11-runner point at Badsworth (soft). MERRY JERRY placed in three out of four points in 1992; 3rd and 4th in two maiden points this term. THE RIGHT GUY of little account under rules, pulled up and 2nd in two maiden points this term. SANDEDGE won one from five points in 1992, 7th behind Davy Blake early season and 4th in Lanark and Renfrew restricted latest outing. SATIN D'OR unplaced in both points in 1992, 3rd of 13 in Hayden maiden (good).

NEWBURY

THUNDERER
2.00 Dalliston. 3.30 Al Hashimi.
2.30 Light Veneer. 4.00 Once Stung.
3.00 Givus A Buck. 4.30 Freds Melody.

Brian Beel: 4.00 Once Stung.

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.00 ARDINGTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,590: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

101 210/0P3 CAPSIZE 42 (CD,G) (F Hill) A Moore 7-11-8 .... G Moore —
102 50-3586 CASTLE DIAMOND 7 (F) (Mrs S Kavanagh) H Kavanagh 8-11-8 .... A O'Hagan 82
103 21P-22F DALLISTON 63 (S) (Queen Elizabeth) R Henderson 7-11-8 .... R Dunwoody 91
104 0-F0230 KIBREET 6 (CD,F,G,S) (D Sheaster) D Elsworth 6-11-8 .... P Holley [illegible]
105 4-5B23P KNIGHT'S SPUR 67 (G) (A Tessant) J Webber 6-11-8 .... G McCourt 96
106 016-PP5 TELL YOU WHAT 16 (D,F) (J McCarthy) T Casey 8-11-8 .... D Gallagher —

BETTING: 6-4 Dalliston, 5-2 Kibreet, 11-4 Knight's Spur, 9-2 Castle Diamond, 16-1 Capsize, Tell You What.

1992: SABAKI RIVER 8-11-8 R Guest (7-4) Mrs J Pitman 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CASTLE DIAMOND 18l 6th of 14 to Enchanted Man in a claiming chase at Stratford (2m 4f, good). DALLISTON 3½l 2nd of 8 to Driving Force in a handicap chase at Fakenham on penultimate start (2m 110yd, soft). KIBREET 6l 2nd of 3 to Valiant Boy in a grade II novice chase Ascot in January (2m, heavy). KNIGHT'S SPUR 29l 3rd of 7 to The Slater in a novice chase at Warwick on penultimate start (2m, soft). TELL YOU WHAT 30¾l 5th of 10 to Scotoni in a novice handicap chase at Folkestone (2m, good to soft).
Selection: KNIGHT'S SPUR

2.30 RADCOT HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,350: 3m 110yd) (2 runners)

201 512111 LIGHT VENEER 63 (D,G,S) (L Jones) Mrs M Jones 8-11-10 .... J McCarthy (5) 91
202 036300 SIR CRUSTY 20 (D,F,G,S) (M Ash) D O'Neill 11-10-13 .... N Mann [illegible]

BETTING: 1-2 Light Veneer, 7-4 Sir Crusty.

1992: CAPABILITY BROWN 5-10-4 M Perrett (13-2) M Pipe 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

LIGHT VENEER beat Tangled String 4l in a 10-runner novice chase at Exeter (2m 7f 110yd, soft). Finished 32l 5th of 7 to Fast Thoughts in a handicap hurdle at Worcester in October on last run over timber (2m 5f 110yd, good). SIR CRUSTY has been well beaten since running 6l 3rd of 12 to Howaryadoon in a conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle over course and distance in January (soft).
Selection: SIR CRUSTY

3.00 ARKELL BREWERY HANDICAP CHASE (£5,310: 3m) (3 runners)

301 P-44222 KNIGHT OIL 17 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) (R A Bott Ltd) O Sherwood 10-11-10 .... J Osborne 98
302 452-12P GIVUS A BUCK 67 (B,C,G,S) (K Costello) D Elsworth 10-11-9 .... P Holley [illegible]
303 2-0PFP3 TURNBERRY DAWN 15 (D,F,G) (Palladium Ltd) T Hallett 11-10-0 .... A Webb 88

Long handicap: Turnberry Dawn 9-7.

BETTING: 10-11 Knight Oil, 11-10 Givus A Buck, 8-1 Turnberry Dawn.

1992: TOM TROUBADOUR 9-10-7 D Murphy (2-1 fav) J Gifford 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

KNIGHT OIL 15l 2nd of 6 to False Economy in a handicap chase at Towcester (3m 1f, soft). Previously, 7l 2nd of 6 to Bit Of A Clown in a handicap chase over the same course and distance (soft). GIVUS A BUCK 4l 2nd of 10 to Dantine in a handicap chase at Cheltenham on penultimate start (3m 1f 110yd, soft). TURNBERRY DAWN 35l 3rd of 6 to Dubacilla in a handicap chase at Taunton (3m, good).
Selection: GIVUS A BUCK

3.30 GEOFFREY GILBEY HANDICAP CHASE (£4,142: 2m 1f) (4 runners)

401 F10/UF4 WINGSPAN 22 (CD,F,G,S) (P Shilton) M Pipe 9-12-0 .... M Perrett 97
402 F-32642 AL HASHIMI 14 (D,F,G) (J Hobbs) D Nicholson 9-11-7 .... R Dunwoody 95
403 55-1832 FRAGRANT DAWN 27 (CD,F,G,S) (W O'Gorman) D Elsworth 9-11-0 .... P Holley [illegible]
404 P/F1-153 BLUSTERY FELLOW 68 (F,G) (Mrs R Humphries) J Clugg 8-10-0 .... W Humphreys 77

Long handicap: Blustery Fellow 8-11.

BETTING: 6-4 Al Hashimi, 9-4 Fragrant Dawn, 5-2 Wingspan, 12-1 Blustery Fellow.

1992: SUBURN'S NEPHEW 10-11-10 C Maude (5-2 jt-fav) P Hobbs 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

WINGSPAN 21l 4th of 6 to Cherrykino in a conditions chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, good). AL HASHIMI neck 2nd of 4 to Young Pokey in a handicap chase at Sandown (2m, good). FRAGRANT DAWN 4l 2nd of 5 to Storm Alert in a handicap chase at Sandown (2m, good). Previously, 17l 3rd of 11 to Sybillin in the grade II Victor Chandler Handicap Chase Ascot (2m, soft), with AL HASHIMI (2lb worse off) 26l 6th. BLUSTERY FELLOW 6¾l 3rd of 8 to Broughton Manor in a handicap chase at Wincanton (2m, good to soft).
Selection: FRAGRANT DAWN (nap)

4.00 PETER HAMER MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,534: 3m) (7 runners)

501 1112-22 ONCE STUNG 21 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Greenall) P Cheesbrough 7-12-5 .... J Greenall (3) [illegible]
502 21F-2 HIGHLAND ECHO 11 (BF,F) (Mrs J Edwards) Mrs J Edwards 10-12-1 Mrs C Wonnacott (7) 86
503 64FP-21 MOUNT EATON FOX 9 (G) (P Henderson) P Henderson 10-12-1 .... J Trice-Rolph (7) 74
504 PU2F/ DAN O'TULLY 875 (C Nimmo) C Nimmo 14-11-9 .... B Pollock (7) —
505 23113/ EXCITING PROSPECT 1148 (G) (Mrs R Pitman) P Caudwell 9-11-9 .... P Caudwell (7) —
506 P6PO/ RAYON VERT 1527 (Mrs T Millard) Mrs T Millard 10-11-9 .... T Woolridge (7) —
507 PP0P-00 WARRIOR'S PROMISE 9 (B) (D Williams) D Williams 8-11-9 .... C Hancock (7) —

BETTING: 2-5 Once Stung, 7-2 Highland Echo, 5-1 Mount Eaton Fox, 12-1 Exciting Prospect, 16-1 others.

1992: TEAPLANTER 9-12-4 M Armytage (2-7 fav) Miss C Saunders 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ONCE STUNG 7l 2nd of 9 to Swinhoe Croft in a hunter chase at Bangor (3m 110yd, soft). HIGHLAND ECHO 8l 2nd of 13 to Padrigal in a hunter chase at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, good). MOUNT EATON FOX beat Sarlap ½l in a 9-runner maiden hunter chase at Folkestone last week (2m 5f, good). EXCITING PROSPECT, winning novice hurdler in 1989/90, has not raced since January 1990.
Selection: ONCE STUNG

4.30 WHATCOMBE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,302: 2m 5f) (5 runners)

601 P/3-2692 PANDY 11 (C Noble) G Thorner 7-11-10 .... J Osborne 90
602 5-654 SEA SEARCH 57 (R Bootle) N Henderson 6-11-8 .... R Dunwoody 86
603 450 WATERFORD CASTLE 21 (Sybil Lady Joseph) N Gaselee 6-11-4 .... C Llewellyn 90
604 3-62444 FREDS MELODY 35 (F Tucker) F Tucker 8-10-13 .... C Maude 97
605 0/45-P5 SWEET GEORGE 18 (BF) (H Weeks) N Henderson 6-10-5 .... J Kavanagh [illegible]

BETTING: 11-8 Pandy, 11-4 Sea Search, 4-1 Freds Melody, 6-1 Waterford Castle, 8-1 Sweet George.

1992: RATHVINDEN HOUSE 5-10-6 H Davies (11-2) T Thomson Jones 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

PANDY 4l 2nd of 15 to Easthorpe in a novice hurdle at Wolverhampton (2m 110yd, good). SEA SEARCH 13l 4th of 13 to Aabsayad in a novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, heavy). WATERFORD CASTLE 25l 9th of 21 to Dalls Regrets in a novice hurdle over course and distance (good to soft). FREDS MELODY 12½l 4th of 15 to Yorkshire Gale in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham in December (2m 5f 110yd, soft). SWEET GEORGE 25l 5th of 9 to Fotoexpress in a novice handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f, good)
Selection: FREDS MELODY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	26	94	27.7	R Dunwoody	53	204	26.0
O Sherwood	22	98	22.4	P Holley	11	58	19.5
D Nicholson	24	108	22.2	C Llewellyn	11	59	18.6
N Henderson	23	118	19.5	J Osborne	26	144	18.1
D Elsworth	21	118	17.8	M Perrett	14	79	17.7
N Gaselee	9	64	14.1	G McCourt	10	65	15.4

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Warwick

Going: good

1.50 (2m hdle) 1, Lemon's Mill (P Scudamore, Evens); 2, Highbrook (10-11 fav); 3, Outfield (66-1). 7 ran. NR: Zany Girl. 2l, dist. M Pipe. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.10. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.92.

2.20 (3m 2f ch) 1, Double Silk (Mr R Treloggen, 2-1 fav); 2, Moorcroft Boy (5-1); 3, Forest Ranger (6-1). 11 ran. Nk, 20l. R Wilkins. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £1.80, £2.40. DF: £6.60. CSF: £13.08.

2.50 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Musical Monarch (R Davis, 7-2 fav); 2, Rowlandsons Gems (9-2); 3, Mister Major (4-1). 8 ran. 1l, nk. D Barons. Tote: £5.10; £1.70, £1.90, £1.20. DF: £5.50. CSF: £19.30. Tricast: £60.46.

3.20 (3m 5f ch) 1, Boraceva (A Maguire, 7-2); 2, Do Be Brief (5-2 fav); 3, Yiragan (7-2). 6 ran. NR: Topsham Bay. 7l, 15l. G Balding. Tote: £3.70; £2.20, £2.00. DF: £4.90. CSF £11.90.

3.50 (2m hdle) 1, Please Please Me (A Maguire, 4-1); 2, Mecado (8-1); 3, Qualitair Memory (7-2 fav). 9 ran. 4l, 6l. K Cunningham-Brown. Tote: £3.50; £1.10, £3.20, £1.70. DF £17.80. CSF: £33.74. Tricast: £112.78.

4.20 (3m ch) 1, Dis Train (J Osborne, 5-4 fav); 2, Barge Boy (3-1); 3, Proctors Row (50-1). 7 ran. 2l, 25l. S Sherwood. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.10. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.94.

4.50 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Case Harden (R Dunwoody, 7-2); 2, Pectorus (9-4 fav); 3, Setal's Palace (10-1). 23 ran. NR: Mr Flanegan, Razoo. 1½l, 3l. N Henderson. Tote: £2.50; £2.00, £2.00, £3.30. DF: £5.90. CSF: £12.49.

Placepot: £5.70.

Ludlow

Going: good to firm

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, Formal Invitation (R Dunwoody, 7-4 fav: Private Handicapper's top rating) 1; 2, Elabjer (33-1); 3, The Can Can Man (14-1). 13 ran. 4l, 4l. D Nicholson. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £11.80, £3.00. DF: £25.20. CSF: £50.51.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Sultan's Son (J James, 7-1); 2, Bengal Tiger (15-8 fav); 3, Brilliant Future (7-2). 9 ran. NR: Achelous. 2½l, 7l. J Upson. Tote: £9.00; £1.90, £1.20, £1.60. DF: £12.00. CSF: £20.28.

3.00 (3m ch) 1, Rocktor (J Frost, 85-40 fav); 2, Ronans Birthday (4-1); 3, Nougat Russe (12-1). 8 ran. ½l, 6l. D Barons. Tote: £3.80; £2.80, £1.60. DF: £5.80. CSF: £10.13.

3.30 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Sea Trout (G Upton, 7-1); 2, First Crack (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Bickerman (14-1). Myhamet 9-4 jt-fav. 9 ran. 5l, 5l. C Jones. Tote: £8.50; £2.10, £1.80, £2.20. DF: £7.10. CSF: £21.68. Tricast: £194.61.

4.00 (3m ch) 1, Holy Foley (Mr N Harris, 6-1); 2, Some Obligation (8-11 fav); 3, Corston Springs (8-1). 8 ran. 1½l, 12l. Miss S Pitman. Tote: £8.50; £2.40, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £3.70. CSF: £10.03.

4.30 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Sausalito Boy (C Llewellyn, 7-4); 2, Old Staine (8-1); 3, Kano Warrior (33-1). Royal Piper 11-8 fav. 13 ran. NR: Darkbrook. 1l, 8l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £1.60, £3.80. DF: £6.20. CSF: £14.72.

5.00 (2m 4f ch) 1, Pims Gunner (D J Burchell, 8-13 fav); 2, Booby Socks (8-1); 3, Carneymount (12-1). 8 ran. NR: Smallmead Lad. 12l, 4l. D Burchell. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £1.60, £2.40. DF: £3.70. CSF: £5.93.

5.30 (1m 5f flat) 1, Olveston (Phil Tuck, 9-4); 2, Grey Power (Evens fav); 3, High Grade (7-1). 9 ran. NR: Romany Spit, Royal Gim. 2½l, 1½l. P Nicholls. Tote: £3.30; £1.20, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.07.

Placepot: £16.80.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

2.10 (1m) 1, Belmoredean (F Norton, 3-1 fav); 2, Express Service (11-2); 3, Saahi (12-1). 10 ran. 2½l, sh hd. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £5.10; £1.20, £1.80, £1.60. DF: £7.60. CSF: £18.39. Tricast: £155.23.

2.40 (7f) 1, Mister Blake (Emma O'Gorman, 7-2); 2, Stardust Express (6-13 fav); 3, Pirates Gold (5-1). 5 ran. Hd, 12l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £1.80. DF: £2.10. CSF: £5.85.

3.10 (1m 2f) 1, Pigalle Wonder (D Biggs, 6-1); 2, Awesome Power (9-4 fav); 3, Majal (3-1). 8 ran. Nk, 3l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £8.80; £3.60, £1.10, £2.10. DF: £9.30. CSF: £19.48. Tricast: £44.53.

3.40 (1m 4f) 1, Strat's Legacy (J Weaver, 9-4 fav); 2, Sinclair Lad (10-1); 3, Flash Of Straw (10-1). 14 ran. 7l, 3½l. D Arbuthnot. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £2.40, £4.60. DF: £16.20. CSF: £25.46. Tricast: £185.77. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.10 (5f) 1, Serious Hurry (T Quinn, 9-4 fav); 2, Comet Whirlpool (7-2); 3, Last Straw (7-1). 9 ran. NR: Lyndon's Linnet. 1½l, ½l. C C Elsey. Tote: £2.20; £1.50, £2.30, £1.40. DF: £4.10. CSF: £10.91. Tricast: £45.11.

4.40 (1m 2f) 1, Daring Past (W Ryan, 11-4); 2, Ashover (11-4); 3, Spanish Refuge (Evens fav). 6 ran. NR: Hoochiecoochie Man. Hd, hd. R Boss. Tote: £3.80; £1.40, £1.90. DF: £6.80. CSF: £10.21. After a stewards enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £22.00.

☐ Martin Pipe has put Jimmy Frost on stand-by to partner Granville Again in the Smurfit Champion Hurdle if stable jockey Peter Scudamore decides to ride Valfinet.

☐ Party Politics was cut to 9-1 from 10-1 for the Martell Grand National by William Hill yesterday.

Pontefract first

PONTEFRACT will stage a listed race for the first time this year. The Pontefract Silver Tankard Stakes for two-year-olds will be held on Thursday October 21, the final day of the Yorkshire track's 1993 programme. The race, which will carry £12,500 in added prize-money, will be the most valuable in the course's history.

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER
2.15 Lady Bunting. 2.45 St Athans Lad. 3.15 On The Sauce. 3.45 El Volador. 4.15 Skipping Tim. 4.45 **MICK'S TYCOON (nap).**

Private Handicapper's top rating
3.45 **EL VOLADOR.**

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES)

2.15 TORTINGTON SELLING HURDLE
(£1,880: 2m 2f) (9 runners)

1 -534 OTHET 3 (F) Mrs S Williams 9-11-9 .... Peter Hobbs
2 5030 WINDSOR HIGHNESS 38 (G) K Wingrove 6-11-4 .... R Farrant (5)
3 -PPP DON'T YER KNOW 16 (V) P Hedger 9-11-2 .... I Lawrence
4 0242 MASROUG 18 A Moore 6-11-2 .... J Clarke (7)
5 PP TEDS TACTICS 38 H Haynes 10-11-2 .... K Comerford (7)
6 03F6 LADY BUNTING 9 R Voorspuy 6-10-11 .... A Tory
7 642 SINGING REPLY 17 D Marks 5-10-11 .... S McNeill
8 PP-4 SUKEY TAWDRY 184 R Bennett 7-10-11 .... W Elderfield
9 P ARCADIAN PRINCESS 28 B Bylong 4-10-3 .... P Smith Eccles (7)

2-1 Masroug, 5-2 Singing Reply, 7-2 Lady Bunting, 8-1 Othet, 12-1 Windsor Highness, 16-1 Sukey Tawdry, 33-1 others.

2.45 WORTHING NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,484: 2m 3f) (7)

1 F1F1 SCOTONI 16 (CD,F,S) R O'Sullivan 7-12-0 .... D O'Sullivan (3)
2 F20P FATHER DOWLING 59 (C,G) G Balding 6-11-10 .... A Maguire
3 1U03 ST ATHANS LAD 9 (B,CD,F,G) R Curtis 8-11-5 .... D Morris
4 F263 PRINCE'S COURT 9 (F) A Turnell 10-11-0 .... S McNeill
5 /P2U COMMANCHERO 13 R Hodges 6-10-4 .... T Thompson (7)
6 -002 MILLIE BELLE 11 (C,F) Miss B Sanders 7-10-4 .... S Smith Eccles
7 P333 HAMPER 11 (B,C,G,S) N Mitchell 10-10-4 .... A Tory

9-4 St Athans Lad, 3-1 Scotoni, 5-1 Father Dowling, 6-1 Commanchero, 8-1 Millie Belle, Prince's Court, 16-1 Hamper.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 34 winners from 89 runners, 38.2%; J White, 10 from 40, 25.0%; Miss B Sanders, 9 from 37, 24.3%; R Akehurst, 12 from 50, 24.0%; D Grissell, 11 from 51, 21.6%; G Balding, 18 from 90, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 26 winners from 70 rides, 37.1%; S Smith Eccles, 12 from 34, 35.3%; J Frost, 16 from 60, 26.7%; Peter Hobbs, 16 from 71, 22.5%; D Morris, 15 from 73, 20.5%; A Tory, 10 from 52, 19.2%.

3.15 EARTHAM MAIDEN CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,480: 2m 6f) (10)

1 0306 SAND KING 18 (B) J White 7-11-12 .... N Williamson
2 -2FF NORTH BANNISTER 109 T Forster 6-11-6 .... R Farrant (5)
3 -4P6 ALLYFAIR 22 Mrs J Retter 8-11-4 .... M A Fitzgerald
4 2332 PRUDENT PEGGY 17 R Frost 6-11-4 .... J Frost
5 U025 CORNISH COSSACK 17 D Barons 6-11-3 .... R Davis (5)
6 2322 IT'S NOT MY FAULT 16 D Wintle 5-11-3 .... P McDermott
7 0-PF ON THE SAUCE 15 (B) M Pipe 6-11-3 .... P Scudamore
8 2000 ACROSS THE CARD 4 A Moore 5-11-0 .... G Moore
9 5/00 KERRYS EYE 15 P Rodford 9-10-8 .... I Shoemark
10 5004 RABBIT'S FOOT 17 R O'Sullivan 5-10-6 .... D O'Sullivan (3)

5-2 On The Sauce, 3-1 Prudent Peggy, 11-2 Allyfair, 8-1 Rabbit's Foot, 12-1 Across The Card, Cornish Cossack, North Bannister, 14-1 others.

3.45 FONTWELL NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,480: 2m 2f) (10)

1 6822 AMPHIGORY 18 (B,D,F) P Rodford 5-11-8 .... T Thompson (7)
2 /212 EL VOLADOR 15 (S) R O'Sullivan 6-11-8 .... A Maguire
3 63U1 SURE PRIDE 11 (CD,F) A Moore 5-11-8 .... G Moore
4 2626 WELSH SINGER 22 (CD,F,S) P Hedger 7-11-8 .... D O'Sullivan (3)
5 0P/0 DOUBLE U DEE 195 H Haynes 10-11-2 .... Mr G Lewis (7)
6 36-0 GOLD GLEN 132 P Mahon 5-11-2 .... M A Fitzgerald
7 P- ROMANIAN 35F R Akehurst 5-11-2 .... D Bridgwater
8 0-6 THE WHIP 16 D Grissell 6-11-2 .... Peter Hobbs
9 04 BOLD STEVE 37 M Tompkins 4-10-8 .... D Murphy
10 PR ELWAZIR 10 D Marks 4-10-8 .... S McNeill

2-1 El Volador, 3-1 Sure Pride, 5-1 Gold Glen, 13-2 Sure Pride, 8-1 The Whip, 10-1 Bold Steve, 16-1 others

4.15 BRIGHTON CLAIMING CHASE
(£2,264: 3m 2f 110yd) (6)

1 1340 KINGFISHER BAY 25 (F,G) J White 8-11-8 .... B Clifford (3)
2 P4P4 RHODE ISLAND RED 14 (CD,F,G,S) A Moore 10-11-0 .... G Moore
3 0241 SKIPPING TIM 11 (CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 14-11-0 .... P Scudamore
4 P25P THATS THE BUSINESS 9 (V,D,F) G Balding 9-10-12 .... A Maguire
5 53P6 MIRAMAC 16 (F,G,S) R Frost 12-10-6 .... R Darke (7)
6 -R5R PUKKA MAJOR 11 (B,F,G,S) T Thomson Jones 12-10-6 .... A Tory

1-2 Skipping Tim, 6-1 Kingfisher Bay, 8-1 Thats The Business, 10-1 Rhode Island Red, 14-1 Miramac, 25-1 Pukka Major

4.45 MADEHURST HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,110: 3m 2f 110yd) (6)

1 FFF1 MENEBUCK 9 (6) Lady Herries 7-12-6 (6ex) .... Mr Andrew Lillingston (7)
2 4PUR JUST AS HOPEFUL 2 (F,G,S) D Barons 9-12-0 .... R Davis (5)
3 5162 LASTING MEMORY 17 (C,F,S) R Frost 7-11-4 .... J Frost
4 R026 GLEBELANDS GIRL 14 (C,G,S) R Rowe 6-10-6 .... L Dace (7)
5 3123 MICK'S TYCOON 35 (V,B,S) M Pipe 5-10-4 .... P Scudamore
6 3254 JOKER JACK 4 (S) R Dean 8-10-0 .... A Procter (5)

7-4 Mick's Tycoon, 3-1 Menebuck, 7-2 Lasting Memory, 5-1 Glebelands Girl, 10-1 Joker Jack, 14-1 Just As Hopeful.

Barons faces enquiry

DAVID Barons must face the stewards of the Jockey Club to explain the defection of Topsham Bay from the Crudwell Cup at Warwick yesterday.

The Warwick stewards enquired into the horse's withdrawal but directed the matter to Portman Square because they were unable to question Barons, racing at Ludlow.

With Topsham Bay out, the Barons-trained Yiragan carried top weight of 10st 3lb. If Topsham Bay had been taken out overnight, Yiragan would have carried 11st 7lb.

A veterinary certificate was produced to explain Topsham Bay's absence. Darius Harding, travelling head lad, said: "He didn't eat up last night and was found to have a throat infection this morning."

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THUNDERER
2.20 Tronchetto. 2.50 Fettuccine. 3.20 Majed. 3.50 Bold Spartan. 4.20 Many A Slip. 4.50 Dizzy.
Brian Beel: 4.20 Davy Blake.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.20 HARCROS SCOTTISH JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP (4-Y-O: £1,996: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

1 3115 PERSONAL HAZARD 34 (D,S) M H Easterby 11-6 .... L Wyer
2 0121 STE-JEN 15 (D,G,S) G Moore 11-6 .... N Bentley (3)
3 2213 KALKO 20 (CD,BF,G) M Hammond 11-4 .... P Niven
4 2664 PALACEGATE KING 21 (D,S) A Whillans 11-4 .... D Bentley (5)
5 0 MONTRAVE 20 P Monteith 10-12 .... A Dobbin (3)
6 04 PATROL 14 J Johnson 10-12 .... A Orkney
7 3533 STRAW THATCH 56 R Allan 10-12 .... B Storey
8 0 TAWAFIJ 14 R Allan 10-12 .... M Moloney
9 5 TRONCHETTO 11 J J O'Neill 10-12 .... M Dwyer
10 YOUNG GALA S Payne 10-7 .... J Supple (7)

5-2 Kalko, 3-1 Personal Hazard, 4-1 Ste-Jen, 7-1 Tronchetto, 8-1 others.

2.50 CYRIL ALEXANDER MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (£2,814: 2m 6f 110yd) (9)

1 PP32 PIPER O'DRUMMOND 7 (CD,S) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-6 .... A Merrigan
2 1332 STRONG SOUND 94 (S) P Cheesbrough 6-11-6 .... C Grant
3 1P63 BEYOND REASON 7 (B,S) G Richards 7-11-0 .... N Doughty
4 0/2 DOWN THE ROAD 31 J Johnson 6-11-0 .... T Reed
5 0006 EQUATOR 20 (S) J Haldane 10-11-0 .... M Moloney
6 U104 FETTUCCINE 13 (F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 9-11-0 .... K Johnson
7 46FP INVERINATE 41 (B,F,S) L Lungo 8-11-0 .... A Orkney
8 P3U5 KINNESTON 20 N Alexander 8-11-0 .... R Hodge
9 2FP5 SANDY ANDY 13 K Oliver 7-11-0 .... B Storey

2-1 Down The Road, 5-2 Strong Sound, 5-1 Fettuccine, 8-1 others.

3.20 HENNESSY COGNAC SPECIAL NOVICES HURDLE (£9,040: 2m 2f) (16)

1 -621 BELLTON 13 (F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-3 .... M Dwyer
2 0 DARK FOUNTAIN 84 J Dixon 6-11-3 .... L O'Hara
3 4630 FOUR DEEP 13 (BF) J Johnson 6-11-3 .... A Orkney
4 6301 GOLDEN ISLE 20 (G) J Charlton 9-11-3 .... K Johnson
5 F342 HIGHLANDMAN 13 J Haldane 7-11-3 .... A Merrigan
6 JUDICIOUS CAPTAIN J Adam 6-11-3 .... J Railton
7 1154 KIDLAW 13 (C,F,S) P Cheesbrough 5-11-3 .... C Grant
8 2021 LEADING PROSPECT 28 (CD,G) Mrs J Goodfellow 6-11-3 .... B Storey
9 1122 MAJED 13 (BF,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-3 .... P Niven
10 5354 MAJOR BELL 13 A Whillans 5-11-3 .... M Moloney
11 5-51 RAISEAMILLION 10 (F) G Moore 5-11-3 .... N Bentley
12 3521 RAPID MOVER 6 (B,F) D Nolan 6-11-3 .... J J Quinn
13 1015 RINGLAND 35 (C,G) D Moffatt 5-11-3 .... D J Moffatt
14 1101 SEAGULL HOLLOW 6 (G,S) M H Easterby 4-10-13 .... L Wyer
15 2131 LOCH GARANNE 27 (S) M Camacho 5-10-12 .... D Byrne
16 3243 MAKE ME PROUD 13 (V) W Bentley 4-10-4 .... J Callaghan

3-1 Majed, 9-2 Loch Garanne, 5-1 Bellton, 6-1 Leading Prospect, 8-1 Ringland, 10-1 Seagull Hollow, 12-1 Kidlaw, 14-1 Golden Isle, Raiseamillion, 20-1 others.

3.50 HAMILTON MEMORIAL CHASE
(Handicap: amateurs: £3,777: 3m 4f) (10)

1 214U WHAAT FETTLE 13 (CD,G,S) G Richards 8-11-10 .... R Hale (7)
2 541P CAROUSEL ROCKET 13 (C,F,G,S) M Hammond 10-10-5 .... S Swiers
3 1448 MAN'S BEST FRIEND 24 (S) T Tate 6-10-3 .... M Buckley (5)
4 2-R2 RUN PET RUN 20 (S) P Monteith 8-10-2 .... T Jenks (7)
5 0FUU OFF THE BRU 13 (G) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-0 .... J Bradburne (5)
6 /220 BOLD SPARTAN 13 (S) K Oliver 10-10-0 .... Miss S Forster (7)
7 -2PP SUPER FOUNTAIN 24 (S) F Walton 10-10-0 .... A Robson (7)
8 30/ WOT PET 723 T Gibson 10-10-0 .... M Coglan (7)
9 5400 MAJIC RAIN 24 (C,G) G Coatsworth 8-10-0 .... Miss F Simms (7)
10 2-43 SPY HILL 10 Mrs S Bramall 7-10-0 .... D Parker (7)

9-4 Whaat Fettle, 7-2 Carousel Rocket, 5-1 Man's Best Friend, Off The Bru, 6-1 Run Pet Run, 10-1 Bold Spartan, 20-1 Spy Hill, Wot Pet, 33-1 others.

4.20 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,829: 3m 1f) (9)
RUNNERS AND RIDERS - SEE ABOVE

4.50 BEWARE OF THE GLENBANK HOTEL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,430: 2m 2f) (13)

1 0304 SEON 9 (C,F,G,S) W Bentley 7-12-0 .... N Bentley (3)
2 3352 PREOBLAKENSKY 20 (CD,G,S) G Richards 6-11-13 .... N Doughty
3 2162 DIZZY 28 (C,G,S) P Monteith 5-11-12 .... A Dobbin (3)
4 34/P SAN PIER NICETO 78 (C,G,S) M Hammond 6-10-10 .... P Niven
5 022- ANOTHER FOUNTAIN 314 J Dixon 7-10-10 .... L O'Hara
6 1132 COOL DUDE 20 (S) J Johnson 7-10-9 .... A Larnach (5)
7 6502 YAMANOUCHI 20 (F,S) D Moffatt 9-10-0 .... D J Moffatt (5)
8 0606 ARAGON AYR 20 P Monteith 5-10-0 .... M Moloney
9 0300 GREY MERLIN 46 (S) Mrs S Taylor 6-10-0 .... G Harker
10 00P5 JUST PULHAM 7 (S) S Payne 8-10-0 .... J Supple (7)
11 0051 GOLDEN REVERIE 20 (G) B Mactaggart 5-10-0 .... B Storey
12 0/ LARLOCH 1185 T Craig 9-10-0 .... C Hawkins
13 P-00 MOSUL DANCER 113 N Alexander 7-10-0 .... R Hodge

3-1 Dizzy, 4-1 Preoblakensky, 9-2 Cool Dude, 6-1 Seon, 6-1 Another Fountain, Yamanouchi, 12-1 Golden Reverie, 16-1 Aragon Ayr, San Pier Niceto, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Richards, 42 winners from 159 runners, 26.4%; Mrs M Reveley, 26 from 100, 26.0%; T Tate, 6 from 25, 24.0%; Mrs J Goodfellow, 8 from 36, 22.2%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 6 from 27, 22.2%; M Hammond, 11 from 55, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: N Doughty, 30 winners from 94 rides, 31.9%; P Niven, 31 from 113, 27.4%; M Moloney, 10 from 47, 21.3%; M Dwyer, 14 from 80, 17.5%; K Johnson, 7 from 40, 17.5%; L O'Hara, 13 from 78, 16.7%.

☐ Belmoredean, one of racing's most consistent dual-purpose performers, won the Marco Polo Apprentices' Handicap at Lingfield yesterday. Roland O'Sullivan's gelding has won over fences and hurdles, and on the Flat on turf and sand. Jockey Francis Norton sent him on three furlongs out to beat Express Service by two-and-a-half lengths.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
2.10 Bayin. 2.40 Sirtelimar. 3.10 Nikki Noo Noo. 3.40 Sleepline Fantasy. 4.10 Roseate Lodge. 4.40 Horizon.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 RUFFORD MAIDEN STAKES
(Apprentices: £2,070: 1m) (9 runners)

1 0 ACIDOSIS 7 D Chapman 4-9-10 .... Carl Llewellyn (5) 5
2 -020 BAHER 25 Mrs A Swinbank 4-9-10 .... Carol Davison (5) 6
3 3640 BAYIN 11 (B) M Usher 4-9-10 .... D Harrison 3
4 -402 BLACK BOY 7 R Manning 4-9-10 .... S D Williams 1
5 006- CAPTAIN MARMALADE 114 D Thom 4-9-10 .... K Rutter 4
6 /00- FIRST HOME 352 Pat Mitchell 6-9-10 .... T G McLaughlin 9
7 ABSALOM'S PILLAR J Hetherton 3-8-6 .... O Pears 8
8 F0-0 LAST TYPHOON 11 T Caldwell 3-8-1 .... N Kennedy 7
9 2 PACIFIC SPIRIT 11 W Haigh 3-8-1 .... F Norton 2

4-5 Pacific Spirit, 3-1 Black Boy, 6-1 Baher, Bayin, 14-1 Absalom's Pillar, Captain Marmalade, 20-1 Acidosis, 25-1 First Home, 33-1 Last Typhoon.

2.40 TUXFORD HANDICAP (£3,275: 1m) (7)

1 511- ABERDEEN HEATHER 97 (F,D) D Elsworth 3-9-10 .... J Williams 1
2 000- SHIRLEY'S TRAIN 132 (CD) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-7 .... D Harrison (3) 3
3 1-14 GOLDEN KLAIR 11 (CD,BF) C Hill 3-9-7 .... J Quinn 5
4 5114 SIRTELIMAR 16 (CD,BF) R Spicer 4-9-5 .... A Mackay 4
5 1221 MENTALASANYTHIN 7 (S) (CD) A Bailey 4-9-3 (5ex) .... D Wright (7) 2
6 15-3 TANAGOME 11 (C) S Norton 3-8-6 .... O Pears (5) 6
7 0-44 QUICK SILVER BOY 20 D Burchell 3-7-7 .... N Adams 7

5-2 Mentalasanythin, 3-1 Golden Klair, Sirtelimar, 9-2 Aberdeen Heather, 6-1 Tanagome, 14-1 Shirley's Train, 16-1 Quick Silver Boy.

3.10 SKEGBY CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,280: 1m) (7)

1 4142 HOTSOCKS 20 (CD) Pat Mitchell 8-11 .... Kim McDonnell (7) 1
2 2210 NIKKI NOO NOO 4 (CD,BF,F) C Hill 8-10 .... J Quinn 6
3 4414 DON'T BE SAKI 4 (C) R Thompson 8-8 .... O Pears (5) 3
4 4353 SCOFFERA 11 N Tinkler 8-8 .... Kim Tinkler 2
5 -656 WEALTHYWOO 20 (S) H Collingridge 7-9 .... Dale Gibson 4
6 0-55 GIRTON BELLE 20 (B) M Usher 7-7 .... N Adams 5
7 0-60 VILAMAR 7 E Alston 7-7 .... D Wright (7) 7

6-4 Nikki Noo Noo, 3-1 Don't Be Saki, 4-1 Hotsocks, 8-1 Vilamar, 10-1 Wealthywoo, 12-1 Scoffera, 16-1 Girton Belle.

3.40 NORMANTON HANDICAP (£2,364: 7f) (10)

1 /04- SHUJAN 237 (S) R Armstrong 4-9-10 .... R Price 9
2 13-4 DEBSY DO 7 (CD,G) S Norton 4-9-5 .... O Pears (5) 7
3 00/3 MOSCOW DYNAMO 7 (D,F) Mrs A Knight 6-9-1 .... F Norton (3) 8
4 0/0- SLEEPLINE FANTASY 343 (CD,F,G,S) M Channon 8-8-11 .... J Quinn 3
5 0222 LORD NASKRA 7 (CD,BF) W O'Gorman 4-8-9 .... Emma O'Gorman (3) 2
6 0100 COMPANY CASH 28 (B,CD) R Bastiman 5-8-1 .... J Fanning 5
7 0-03 NELLIE DEAN 22 (D,G) J Toller 4-7-13 .... Dale Gibson 6
8 015- QUESTION OF DEGREE 385 (CD,F) N Tinkler 7-7-8 .... Kim Tinkler 10
9 2-30 LOOTING 50 (D,F,G,S) M Usher 7-7-7 .... N Adams 1
10 0/00 KACHINA MAID 4 (D,F) Mrs A Knight 8-7-7 .... D Wright (7) 4

5-2 Debsy Do, 3-1 Lord Naskra, 9-2 Nellie Dean, 6-1 Company Cash, 8-1 Moscow Dynamo, 12-1 Sleepline Fantasy, 14-1 Looting, 16-1 others.

4.10 RETFORD HANDICAP (£2,794: 6f) (8)

1 5311 CRECHE 6 (B,C) Mrs N Macauley 4-10-1 (7ex) .... E Husband (7) 6
2 40-1 ROSEATE LODGE 21 (CD,F,G) K Burke 7-10-0 .... G Carter 1
3 -500 AFRICAN CHIMES 7 (B,CD,F) M Chapman 6-9-6 .... T Quinn 7
4 -550 APPEALING TIMES 6 W O'Gorman 4-8-10 .... Emma O'Gorman (3) 5
5 0453 SIR TASKER 8 (C,F,G) J Harris 5-8-2 .... F Norton (3) 4
6 40-0 MISDEMEANOURS GIRL 8 (D,G,S) M Chapman 5-7-13 .... B Doyle (5) 8
7 3310 QUATRE FEMME 4 (CD,BF,F) C Hill 6-7-11 (7ex) .... J Quinn 3
8 5424 CHOICE LOT 7 (V,F) T Caldwell 6-7-7 .... S Wood 2

9-4 Roseate Lodge, 3-1 Creche, 4-1 Sir Tasker, 5-1 African Chimes, 5-1 Quatre Femme, 12-1 Misdemeanours Girl, 16-1 African Chimes, Appealing Times.

4.40 MILTON HANDICAP (£2,301: 1m 4f) (6)

1 1211 TEMPERING 11 (CD,F) D Chapman 7-10-4 (5ex) .... S Wood 2
2 302- FIVE TO SEVEN 98 (CD) S Norton 4-10-0 .... O Pears (5) 4
3 1111 HORIZON 7 (B,CD,F,G) T Thomson Jones 5-9-5 (5ex) .... D Biggs 6
4 1013 MODEST HOPE 13 (CD,BF,F) R Spicer 6-8-10 .... J McLaughlin 1
5 01-0 WESTFIELD MOVES 25 (CD,F,G) H Collingridge 5-8-4 .... J Quinn 5
6 0100 KRONPRINZ 21 (B,CD) M Channon 5-7-7 .... Darren Moffatt (7) 3

5-4 Horizon, 3-1 Modest Hope, 4-1 Tempering, 6-1 Westfield Moves, 10-1 Five To Seven, 16-1 Kronprinz.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Spicer, 7 winners from 30 runners, 23.3%; T Thomson Jones, 7 from 31, 22.6%; Lord Huntingdon, 10 from 46, 21.7%; W O'Gorman, 36 from 172, 20.9%; C Hill, 23 from 136, 16.9%; J Hetherton, 5 from 30, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: J McLaughlin, 6 winners from 30 rides, 20.0%; Emma O'Gorman, 30 from 174, 17.2%; O Pears, 7 from 45, 15.6%; D Biggs, 21 from 147, 14.3%; K Rutter, 4 from 28, 14.3%; G Carter, 32 from 242, 13.2%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Southwell: 2.10 Bayin.

Revitalised Rangers set Champions League alight

By David Miller

TWO cup-ties on the same night, April 7, are likely to determine, more than any others in the European Champions League, the two finalists this season: Marseilles at home to Rangers and IFK Gothenburg at home to AC Milan. Until this week, Marseilles and Milan had been the presumed favourites.

Yet Rangers, by their spirited draw against the odds in Bruges on Wednesday, and Gothenburg, with their 3-1 victory away to PSV Eindhoven, have altered the complexion of Europe's leading competition. Neither Marseilles, nor even the formidable Milan, can now take anything for granted.

This was emphasised by their respective performances against CSKA Moscow and FC Porto. CSKA, playing their home game in Berlin, came back from a goal down at half-time against Marseilles, who remain level with Rangers in group A. Milan won only after a goal from Papin — a £10 million signing from Marseilles last summer — 10 minutes from the end in Portugal.

The tournament is by no means dead, as some had feared, and it is Rangers and Gothenburg who have set things alight.

Gothenburg, who won the Uefa Cup in 1982 and 1987, were soon 1-0 behind in Eindhoven, but a goal from Nilsson and two more from Ekstrom put them 3-1 ahead before half-time. They have seemingly improved since being taken apart by van Basten in the opening Champions League match, but can they defeat Milan's multi-national team in Sweden?

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marseilles	3	1	2	0	6	3	4
Rangers	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
FC Bruges	3	1	1	1	2	4	3
CSKA	3	0	1	2	1	3	1

RESULTS: FC Bruges 1, CSKA Moscow 0; Rangers 2, Marseilles 2; CSKA Moscow 0, Rangers 1; Marseilles 3, FC Bruges 0; FC Bruges 1, Rangers 1; CSKA Moscow 1, Marseilles 1

FIXTURES: Mar 17: Marseilles v CSKA Moscow; Rangers v FC Bruges. Apr 7: CSKA Moscow v FC Bruges, Marseilles v Rangers. Apr 21: FC Bruges v Marseilles; Rangers v CSKA Moscow

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AC Milan	3	3	0	0	7	1	6
Gothenburg	3	2	0	1	4	5	4
Porto	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Eindhoven	3	0	1	2	4	7	1

RESULTS: AC Milan 4, IFK Gothenburg 0; Porto 2, PSV Eindhoven 2; IFK Gothenburg 1, Porto 0; PSV Eindhoven 1, AC Milan 2; Porto 0, AC Milan 1; PSV Eindhoven 1, IFK Gothenburg 3.

FIXTURES: Mar 17: AC Milan v Porto; IFK Gothenburg v PSV Eindhoven. Apr 7: IFK Gothenburg v AC Milan, PSV Eindhoven v Porto. Apr 21: AC Milan v PSV Eindhoven, Porto v IFK Gothenburg.

Heading towards 60 matches undefeated, Milan have to lose some time; and the mood in the tight Ullevi stadium, scene of Denmark's heroics in the European championship last summer, will be electric on April 7. Gothenburg might do football a favour — not to say Milan, whose supporters are being overtaken by *ennui* — by inflicting defeat.

Gothenburg's only foreign imports are from Norway, Pedersen in defence and Mordt in midfield, but they have that nationalist unity exemplified by Jack Charlton's Ireland side.

Rangers grew up on Wednesday night, in several ways. Those who saw them scramble a fortunate home draw with Marseilles in their opening match, after being 2-0 down, said they looked naive. Yet what distinguished their performance against Bruges was composure, not only when under pressure in the first half but also when starting to control the game in the second. Overconfidence could then have handed the tie back to the Belgian side, but Rangers remained steady and solid.

By again coming from behind, though in this instance with five players unavailable through injury, Rangers displayed character and also the depth of their present squad.

Two key players at the Olympia stadium — young Murray in midfield and Huistra, the Holland international, who scored the equalising goal — would not normally have been selected.

Murray, whose chance came because of injuries to Steven, Ferguson, Gordon and Durrant, played as though the European field was his natural stage. Bruges had dominated the first half with their midfield strength, but in the second it was Murray and McCall who tackled, harried and ran their opponents into submission.

With the Rangers back four, particularly Brown, another deputy, pushing forward whenever prudent, there was an added responsibility for Murray and McCall to protect their defenders from midfield counter-attack as well as to drive the side forward.

Although McCoist, captain for the night, did not score, he amply revealed that his phenomenal scoring rate is not merely a reflection of the lack of serious opposition in the Scottish League premier division.

Several times, not only when he dipped the crossbar ten minutes before half-time, he turned past defenders with marvellous balance and ball control.

With McCoist on song, with Hateley's bullying headers worrying the defence and with a full-strength side, Rangers could well be capable of surprising Marseilles in their own lair. Much could depend on whether Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, is willing to find a place for Mikhailichenko.

The Russian World Cup player, so distinctive in the European championship of 1988, has the touch and experience that could be critical at the highest level of this competition, never mind that his misjudgment on Wednesday led to the Bruges goal.

CRICKET

Lathwell scores another classy century

MARK Lathwell scored the third first-class century of his career, and second of the tour, to steer England A out of trouble on the opening day of their match against New South Wales at Sydney yesterday.

He hit 103 out of England's first innings total of 238, and only he and Graham Lloyd looked comfortable against the spin bowling of David Freedman, who finished with a career-best six for 89, and Greg Matthews.

Lathwell showed great maturity as he struck 15 fours to all parts of the ground in an innings lasting just over three hours. He and Lloyd, who made 60, put on 106 in 26 overs to steal the initiative from New South Wales after the dismissal of Middleton, Roseberry and Prichard had left England A struggling at 68 for three.

The aggressive Lloyd was so severe on Freedman at one stage that the left-arm spinner was temporarily withdrawn from the attack. But, when Lloyd had struck 60 from only 74 balls, he danced down the pitch to Freedman to play his first loose shot of an exhilarating innings.

England were 221 for eight when Lathwell was bowled by the wily Matthews and the tail collapsed as dramatically as the early-order batsmen had tumbled out before lunch. Andy Caddick removed Mike Slater with his second ball and New South Wales closed at 32 for one from 14 overs.

Jack Russell, the acting England A captain who was deputising for the injured Martyn Moxon, said: "Lathwell's innings was near genius, a brilliant performance with so many of our more experienced batsmen struggling."

ENGLAND A XI: First Innings

T C Middleton c Chee Quee b Freedman	21
M A Roseberry c and b Freedman	13
M N Lathwell b Matthews	103
P J Prichard b Matthews	7
G D Lloyd c Gilchrist b Freedman	60
D J Capel c Emery b Freedman	0
*†R C Russell low b Matthews	5
A R Caddick c Emery b Freedman	0
D J Millns lb Matthews	1
J Boiling c Bayliss b Freedman	3
P M Such not out	11
Extras (lb 8, nb 6)	14
Total	238

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-50, 3-68, 4-174, 5-182, 6-220, 7-221, 8-221, 9-226

BOWLING: Holdsworth 14-4-44-0; McGrath 18-4-47-0; Freedman 28.2-5-89-6, McNamara 6-3-10-0; Matthews 17-5-40-4; Bevan 1-1-0-0.

NEW SOUTH WALES: First Innings

M Slater c Russell b Caddick	2
R Chee Quee not out	19
A Gilchrist not out	10
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (1 wkt)	32

†P A Emery, M G Bevan, T H Bayliss, B E McNamara, G R J Matthews, D Freedman, W J Holdsworth and G McGrath to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-5.

BOWLING: Millns 4-0-14-0; Caddick 4-1-7-1; Capel 2-0-8-0; Such 3-2-3-0; Boiling 1-1-0-0.

Umpires: I Thomas and I Jackson.

☐ Play was abandoned on the first day of the second Test match in Wellington where persistent drizzle prevented Australia from bowling more than 12 overs to the New Zealand openers, Mark Greatbatch and John Wright, who comfortably reached 28.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

M J Greatbatch not out	13
J G Wright not out	10
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 1)	5
Total (no wkt)	28

A H Jones, *M D Crowe, K R Rutherford, †A C Parore, C L Cairns, D N Patel, M L Su'a, D K Morrison and M B Owens to bat.

BOWLING: McDermott 6 1-4-7-0; Hughes 6-2-17-0.

AUSTRALIA: M A Taylor, J Langer, D C Boon, S R Waugh, *A R Border, M E Waugh, †I A Healy, P R Reiffel, M G Hughes, C J McDermott, S K Warne.

Scotland have an additional incentive to regain the Calcutta Cup at Twickenham tomorrow

The Scots will play this one for the coach



David Hands hears from Scotland's captain of the inspiration players have gained from the coaching skills of retiring coach Ian McGeechan



BILLY STICKLAND

Thrusting example: Gavin Hastings in full flow on one of those powerful runs which have made him such a feared attacking full back

Scotland's captain and Scotland's coach have come a long way together: tomorrow at Twickenham it will all end — or will it? There have been tantalising hints that Ian McGeechan's departure from the Scotland coaching scene is more in the nature of a sabbatical, though if that turns out to be true, will Gavin Hastings still be playing by the time McGeechan resumes?

For the present, they have 80 more minutes together in Scotland's blue; possibly seven weeks together in the red of the British Isles, whom McGeechan will coach on tour in New Zealand this summer. Hastings, captain and full back, resolutely refuses to look so far ahead, believing it to be an unwanted diversion to the task in hand, that of defeating England, winning back the Calcutta Cup and capturing the triple crown.

But his admiration for his coach is unconfined. Though Hastings, 31, won the first of his 44 caps in 1986 and McGeechan did not take over the coaching reins from Derrick Grant until 1988, the two have worked together since under-21 and B international days — since, in fact, McGeechan's initial forays into representative coaching after his "apprenticeship" with Headingley.

"Ian brought an extra dimension to the role merely because he had been a back and could give you specific coaching in those positions," Hastings said. Scottish rugby was already swarming down the road towards collective identity following the blueprint provided by Jim Telfer and Grant, but McGeechan's analytical brain was building beyond that. Even as assistant coach, he introduced a new approach for the back division, staggering the alignment and urging the players to work as a unit rather than individuals.

He and Grant complemented each other, to the extent that they developed an almost psychic understanding of what the other intended. "I have been very fortunate my career has followed Ian's," Hastings said. "He would never ask you to do things he would not have been able to do himself.

"When there is such total respect for the coach, it's so much easier to take in what he says. First and foremost, he understands people, which is a tremendous asset in any coach.

"He doesn't rant; his approach is very disciplined, but he ensures he has the attention of everyone. He knows so well how to get the best out of his charges, how to build them up so that everyone is hanging on his words.

"Even when you have been around a long time and think that the same thing must be coming along, Ian finds a way of doing it dramatically differently. That was illustrated to maximum effect during the 1991 World Cup, when we had that series of tough matches, the pool game with Ireland, the quarter-final with Western Samoa then the England game. Before each game, when we were still in the hotel, he found a different approach.

"He has allowed me to concentrate on the things I do best, to help me relax and develop the confidence to have a go if it's on. Even now, when it's not so difficult for me as it once was, he still has some suggestions to help. That's the important part. He'll never tell you to do something, but what he suggests is invariably right.

"His attention to the smallest detail is what makes him a good coach. And although it doesn't come across in public, he's ruthless. You don't need to jump up and down to be a hard man."

For one whose whole game is rooted in an immense, physical self-confidence — "I'm not intimidated physically by anyone on the rugby field," Hastings said in a recent interview — such a tribute is worth having. The diffidence McGeechan shows when occupying the spotlight is not, one suspects, really that at all but the studied approach born of 20 years of teaching when to go too far, too fast, is to lose your students.

Now his classroom is filled with players born of an era in which many expect to be told, rather than working out the game for themselves. McGeechan's role is to reduce the complexities to a few simple messages which invite the individual to grapple with further problems himself.

"Sometimes it's not what you say but what you leave out," Grant said. "Ian has the ability to do that and make an impact. Until Ian came along, I always thought that to be aggressive on the field, you had to be an aggressive personality."

Anyone sitting in Murrayfield's splendid new stand an hour before Scotland played Wales last month would have seen the perfect example of McGeechan's attention to detail. He and Duncan Paterson, the team manager, stood together on the pitch trying to work out the wind wafting over the stand, in a stadium the aerodynamics of which the Scots themselves have yet to understand. Down one side they found a pocket of contrary breezes which, in the second half, their half backs worked for all it was worth. By the game's end, Wales genuinely believed they had played into the wind for the entire match.

McGeechan's situation now is not dissimilar to that of 1988, when he started as senior coach. Then, the new boys were Gary Armstrong, Craig Chalmers and Damian Cronin. Now, that same trio forms part of the experienced hard core and such players as Iain Morrison, Andrew Reed and Derek Stark are being assimilated.

The ease with which that has occurred has given McGeechan intense satisfaction. After his team had disposed of Wales 20-0, he could recognise the patterns laid down in training, the priorities he had emphasised to his revamped XV. "The players are carrying the patterns on to the field of play and that is the ultimate test," he said.

Tomorrow, Scotland's players will once again try to translate McGeechan's requirements into aggressive action. No, Hastings says, the fact that he is retiring as coach will not increase the push in the scrum, or the leap in the lineout, or the ability to carry out the tactical plan. But the captain will certainly remind his players that winning this time will be for themselves, for their families and friends, for their country, for their future ambitions in the game — and for McGeechan.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
AUSTRIA							
Mayrhofen	30	130	good	rocky	overcast	3	4/3
(Light snow at summits; best snow on upper)							
Solden	20	65	good	compact	overcast	-1	3/3
(Tiefenbach glacier closed; best above mid-station)							
FRANCE							
Chamonix	50	350	good	good	sunny	-1	4/3
(Best conditions at La Flegere and Le Brevent; 42 lifts open)							
Tignes	180	380	good	good	sunny	-5	4/3
(Good snow at all levels; all lifts and pistes open)							
Val Thorens	120	320	good	good	light	-3	4/3
(Good conditions throughout Trois Vallees; all lifts open)							
ITALY							
Cervinia	50	290	good	good	sunny	0	2/3
(Good conditions at all levels; all lifts and links open)							
Livigno	50	100	good	good	sunny	-4	28/2
(Best snow at Mottolino; all lifts operating)							
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	85	130	new	new	snow	-3	4/3
(Good snow at all levels; all lifts operating)							
Wengen	40	130	good	good	light	1	4/3
(Good snow at all levels; all lifts running)							
Zermatt	70	200	good	good	sunny	1	3/3
(Best on Klein Matterhorn; most lifts and all links open)							

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Fleet reaches Kerguelen Isles halfway roundabout

By Barry Pickthall

THE Kerguelen Isles, the rocky French outcrop deep in the Roaring Forty latitudes midway between Australia and the Cape of Good Hope, proved a milestone for all the British Steel Challenge crews yesterday.

The islands are one of the few marks in this race around the world and were dropped into the course to stop crews from cutting too far south during this 6,800-mile stage from Hobart to Cape Town.

"It's a dammed silly place to put a roundabout," Stuart Smith-Warren, the first mate on Heath Insured, said as his crew fought to retain seventh place from Vivien Cherry's team on Coopers & Lybrand.

After 4,500 miles of racing against often appalling conditions, it was remarkable that little more than 100 miles divided John Chittenden's second-placed yacht, Nuclear Electric, from ninth-placed, Interspray, skippered by Paul Jeffes.

In terms of distance to the finish, eight miles is all that separates Nuclear Electric, the overall race leader, from Richard Merriweather's Commercial Union. There are also only two miles between Rhone-Poulenc and British Steel II, who are now duelling for fifth place.

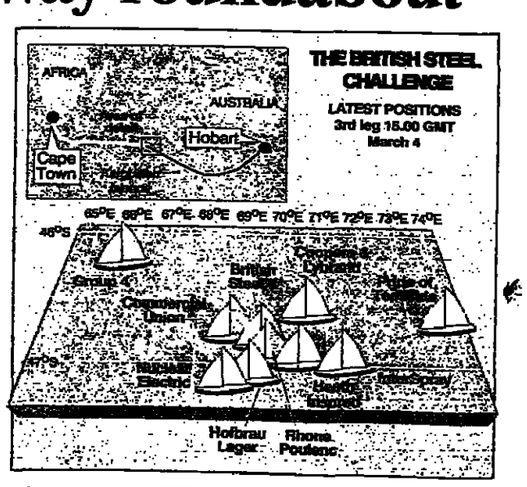
Even more remarkable, perhaps, is that none of the crews has seen each other since the start. "It's certainly a close race," Kevin Dufficy, on British Steel II, said. "We have gone from seventh to second to sixth in the space of 48 hours. This adds to the pressure when you are working on deck, because an additional sail change can make all the difference in the placings."

Mike Golding, skipper of the leading yacht, Group 4 Securitas, which suffered two broken rigging screws during the last stage round Cape Horn, agreed with Dufficy.

Golding said: "This first part of leg three has been the closest yet. There have been no opportunities to take flyers and get ahead. Instead, it has been tough upwind sailing often in the worst possible conditions."

Richard Merriweather, whose yacht, Commercial Union, was pipped to first place by Nuclear Electric on the last stage, reported the addition problems of a blown out storm-jib and torn mainsail. "These are frustrating times," Merriweather said yesterday, as his crew prepared for a marathon sewing session.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 15:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Cape Town): 1, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 2,255 miles; 2, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 2,370; 3, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 2,378; 4, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 2,393; 5, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 2,404; 6, British Steel II (R Tudor), 2,408; 7, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 2,432; 8, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 2,435; 9, Interspray (P Jeffes), 2,479; 10, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 2,598

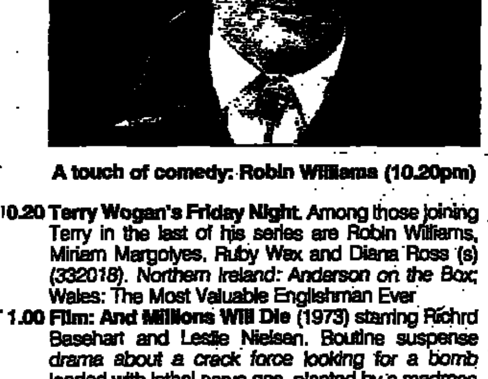


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6.00 Business Breakfast (41124) **7.00 Breakfast News** (75488414)
9.05 **Kilroy** *(s) (5568037)* **9.45 Ross King**. Quiz game (s) (4854766)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (4423209) **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (s) (7587969)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Magazine series (s) (55144056)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Music and chat presented by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (6882940) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (29101679)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (85495)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (11909717) *1.50* **Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (35157037)
2.20 First Letter First. Word game hosted by Don Maclean (s) (79548501) **2.45 The Flying Doctors.** Australian medical drama set in the outback (s) (2519292)
3.30 Cartoon Classics (8206211) **3.45 Juniper Jungle** (s) (2683582) **3.55 Quick Draw McGraw** (r) (s) (2699766) **4.05 Jackanory.** Dawn French with part two of *Daisy Pig* (r) (s) (1037327) **4.15 Rude Dog and the Dweebs** (r) (8032414) **4.30 The Really Wild Show.** A look at the different ways animals warm up and cool down. (Ceefax) (s) *(3268766)*
4.55 Newsround Extra. Juliet Morris reports from India on the problem of tiger poaching (6334650) **5.10 Grange Hill.** Children's drama set in a comprehensive school. (Ceefax) (s) (4795259)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (153143). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (259)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (211). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (8105)
7.30 Entertainment Express. Showbusiness magazine presented by Selina Scott, who meets Danny DeVito, and John Leslie. (Ceefax) (s) (495). Northern Ireland: Sportscene
8.00 All Creatures Great and Small. Siegfried is in James's bad books for caving-in to Mrs Pumphry (r). (Ceefax) (460143)
8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson (s) (840308)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3018)
9.30 Love Hurts. The last episode of the romantic drama starring Adam Faith and Zoë Wanamaker. (Ceefax) *(s) (822921)*

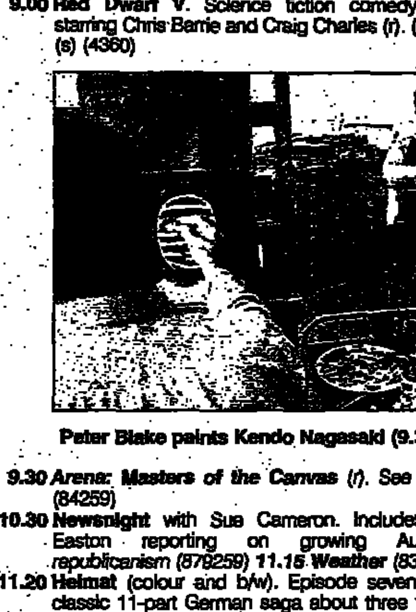


A touch of comedy: Robin Williams (10.20pm)

10.20 Terry Wogan's Friday Night. Among those joining Terry in the last of his series are Robin Williams, Miriam Margolyes, Ruby Wax and Diana Ross (s) *(332018). Northern Ireland: Anderson on the Box;* Wales: The Most Valuable Englishman Ever
11.00 Film: And Millions Will Die (1973) starring Richrd Basehart and Leslie Nielsen. Routine suspense *drama about a crack force looking for a bomb* loaded with lethal nerve gas, planted by a madman under the streets of Hong Kong. Directed by Leslie H. Martinson (561259). Northern Ireland: 11.10 *Entertainment Express 11.40* Terry Wogan 12.20-2.10 Film: The Clean Machine; Wales 11.50: Terry Wogan 12.30-12.35 News and weather
12.40am Weather (9427475)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Maths Methods — Complex Exponentials *(4609018)* **7.10** Caring for Data (3100056) **7.35** Maths Trigonometric Formulas (7216259) **8.00 Breakfast News** (3764292)
8.15 Westminster (4917834)
9.00 Daytime On Two. *Educational programmes* including, for children, **1.20 Fingermouse** (57676467) **1.35 Dilly the Dinosaur** (86022018)
2.00 News and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** *(s) (23611389)* **2.15 Jumpcuts.** Open University preview (r) (23202105)
2.25 Sport on Friday presented by Helen Rollason. Bobsleigh: the world cup final from Lillehammer, *Norway; Figure Skating:* a preview of the world championships to be held next week in Prague; Rugby Union: a preview of tomorrow's games between England and Scotland and Wales v *Ireland; Football:* the weekend's FA Cup quarter-finals analysed (1858218). Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**
4.00 Film: I Am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang (1932, b/w) starring *Paul* Muni. Powerful and uncompromising classic set at the end of the first world war about a drifter who is wrongly accused of a hold up and sentenced to ten years hard labour. *Directed by Mervyn LeRoy (52230)*
5.30 Top Gear. Include the first of a two-part tribute to the 50 year old Alaskan Highway (r) (s) (360)
6.00 Stingray. Puppet adventures (r). (Ceefax) (556582)
6.25 The Man From UNCLE. *Spoof secret agent* adventures starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum (r). (Ceefax) (500389)
7.15 Dr Who. Episode three of a four-part adventure, *The Caves of Androzani,* starring Peter Davison (r). (Ceefax) (218230)
7.40 What the Papers Say with Mark Lawson of *The Independent* (831230)
8.00 Public Eye: Sex on the Ward. Barbara Altounyan investigates how a policy in some mental hospitals of mixed wards has led to female patients being sexually attacked and raped by male inmates (5495)
8.30 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton begins to build a herb-garden at Barnsdale. (Ceefax) (s) (7230)
9.00 Red Dwarf V. Science fiction comedy series starring Chris Barrie and Craig Charles (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4360)



Peter Blake paints Kendo Nagasaki (9.30pm)

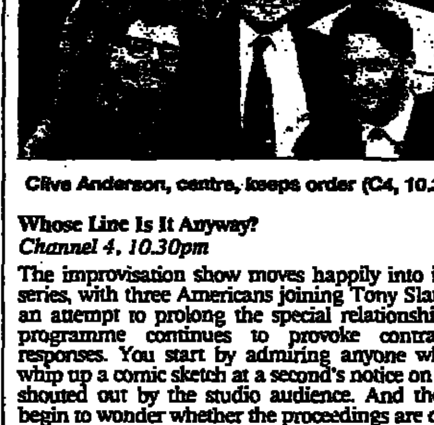
9.30 *Arena:* **Masters of the Canvas** (r). See Choice (84259)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron. Includes Mark Easton reporting on growing Australian *republicanism (879259) 11.15* **Weather** *(836834)*
11.20 Heimat (colour and b/w). Episode seven of the classic 11-part German saga about three families living in a small village from the years 1919 to 1982. *English subtitles (771786). Ends at* **12.25am.** Wales: Wales in Westminster 11.50-12.50 Heimat

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CHOICE

Doctor Finlay
ITV, 9.00pm

After a gap of nearly 30 years we are back in Tannochbrae to pick up on the lives of crusty old Dr Cameron, the younger Doctor Finlay and their wily housekeeper Janet. The cast, of course, has changed, and time has moved on. We are in 1946 and Dr Finlay (David Rintoul) is returning from the second world war. As the old song says, there've been some changes made. Cameron (Ian Bannen) seems to be losing his grip, Janet (Annette Crosbie) is contemplating marriage and Tannochbrae is populated with reactionaries determined to fight the proposed National Health Service. Addicts of the old black-and-white series should not be disappointed. The wry humour is there and so is the period nostalgia. Jason Flemyng joins the regulars as a young locum.



Clive Anderson, centre, keeps order (C4, 10.30pm)

Whose Line Is It Anyway?
Channel 4, 10.30pm

The improvisation show moves happily into its fifth series, with three Americans joining Tony Slattery in an attempt to prolong the special relationship. The programme continues to provoke contradictory responses. You start by admiring anyone who can whip up a comic sketch at a second's notice on a topic shouted out by the studio audience. And then you begin to wonder whether the proceedings are quite as spontaneous as they seem. Called upon to break into Shakespeare, Slattery comes up with a rhyming couplet so perfect you feel he must have had it prepared. But if the jokes are good enough it hardly matters and there are many more hits than misses.

Return of the Saints
Channel 4, 5.00pm

Cardinal Basil Hume marks his seventieth birthday by returning to his native north-east and celebrating the saints of Anglo-Saxon England. As a monk and a bishop himself, the cardinal feels a particular affinity for his predecessors of the seventh and eighth centuries. As the camera dwells over bleakly beautiful landscapes, we hear about the hermit Cuthbert, the worldly Wilfred and the venerable Bede. There is also a trip to Whitby to salute the abbess Hilda, an "example of what women can bring to the church in our own day". Just when we may be thinking that monks are a bit detached from everyday life, the cardinal insists that the church must be concerned with social needs as well as spiritual ones.

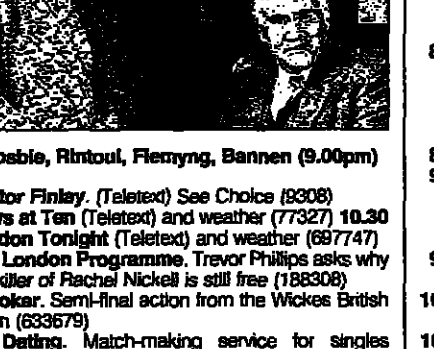
Arena: Masters of the Canvas
BBC2, 9.30pm

This is a repeated film about the pop artist Peter Blake and his fascination for the wrestler Kendo Nagasaki. Because *Kendo is masked, and never speaks,* no one knows who he is. Could he, as Blake hints, be a surgeon or even a member of the royal family? During a bout the mask slips and we glimpse a vicious baldie who looks like Marlon Brando in *Apocalypse Now.* Perhaps Kendo is Brando. Perhaps, if he agrees to sit for Blake, we shall know the answer. Mary Dickinson's film pushes the enigma for more than it is *worth and you sometimes wonder whether the whole* thing is a leg-pull.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. The guests include Gayle Hunnicut and Gerry Marsden (8187698)
9.25 Jeopardy! Quiz show hosted by Steve Jones (3014563) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7563389)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... *Topical discussion* programme (1182414)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine series (62413394)
12.10 Tots TV. Children's puppet series (s) (6364921)
12.30 Lunchtime News *(Teletext) and weather (4496853)* **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (57691785)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. *(Teletext) (534698)* **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (533969)
2.15 Snooker Semi-final action in the Wickes British Open introduced from the Assembly Rooms, Derby, by Nick Owen (7115143)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3160582) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3169853) **3.20 Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (s) (9304124)
3.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r) (2005853) **3.55 Zzzap!** Television comic (3361969) *4.15* **Talespin** *(r) (s) (9675563) 4.40* **Just Us.** Episode three of the seven-part family drama. (Teletext) (s) (6068414)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (6873056)
5.40 Early Evening News *(Teletext) and weather* (763679)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (96871)
7.00 Celebrity Squares. This week Bob Monkhouse is *joined by* Barbara Windsor, Barry McGuigan, Andrew O'Connor, Nina Myskow, Lesley Joseph, Jim Bowen, Carmen Silvera, Joe Pasquale and a Chippendale (s) (6501)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (563)
8.00 The Bill: If It Isn't Hurting. Raw WPC Croft receives first-hand experience of DI Burnside's no-nonsense policing. Starring Kerry Peers and Christopher Ellison. (Teletext) (2921)
8.30 Surgical Spirit. Medical comedy starring Nichola McAuliffe as an acid-tongued surgeon, this week receiving a visit from her equally acerbic mother. (Teletext) (1056)

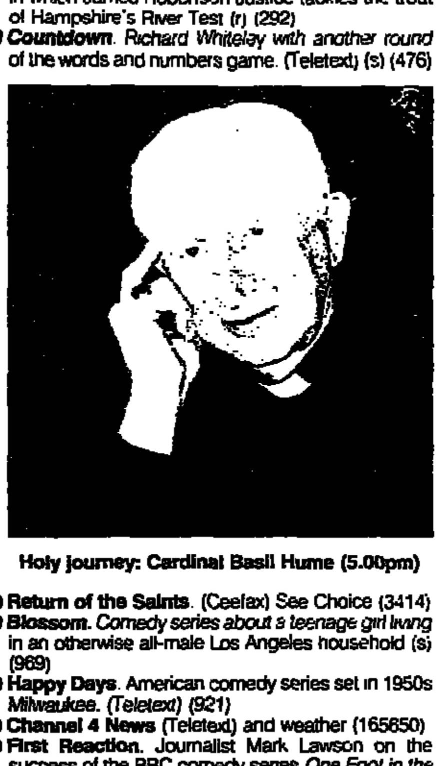


Crosbie, Rintoul, Flemyng, Bannen (9.00pm)

9.00 Doctor Finlay. *(Teletext) See Choice (9308)*
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (77327) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (697747)
10.40 The London Programme. Trevor Phillips asks why *the killer of Rachel Nickell is still free (188308)*
11.10 Snooker. Semi-final action from the Wickes British Open (633679)
11.55 TV Dating. Match-making service for singles (849308)
12.25am The ITV Chart Show (s) (5764419)
1.25 Whale On. James Whale presents entertainment and a debate on the fight against crime (9465457)
2.30 American Gladiators. Trials of strength and strategy for superfit amateurs and professionals (s) (31322)
3.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. New American movies reviewed (14896)
4.00 Austin City Limits. Country music (7674032)
4.55 Riviera. Glossy French soap (79701254)
5.30 ITN Morning News (73341). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Sesame Street (r) (6514259)
6.45 Dennis. Animation (9698105)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (75018)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show (s) (54476)
9.30 Schools *(277259)* **12.00 The Parliament Programme** (67940)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guest is Patti Labelle (97360) **1.30 Lift Off.** Children's *entertainment (s) (91495)*
2.00 Film: Reckless (1935, b/w) starring Jean Harlow and Franchot Tone. Melodrama about a Broadway star who marries a wealthy socialite only to be *snubbed by his family and accused of his murder* after he commits suicide. Directed by Victor Fleming (307501)
3.45 Pete Smith Specialties (b/w). How to cope with *unruly children with indulgent parents (8294476)*
4.00 The Angler and the Trout. A *Survival* programme in which James Robertson Justice tackles the trout of Hampshire's River Test *(r)* (292)
4.30 **Countdown.** *Richard Whiteley with another round* of the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (476)



Holy journey: Cardinal Basil Hume (5.00pm)

5.00 Return of the Saints. (Ceefax) See Choice (3414)
6.00 Blossom. *Comedy series about a teenage girl living* in an otherwise all-male Los Angeles household (s) (969)
6.30 Happy Days. American comedy series set in 1950s *Milwaukee. (Teletext) (921)*
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (165650)
7.50 First Reaction. Journalist Mark Lawson on the success of the BBC comedy series *One Foot in the Grave* (701650)
8.00 Brother Felix and the Virgin Saint. The last in Bamber Gascoigne's series tracing the epic pilgrimage of a 15th-century German Dominican monk to the bones of St Catherine of Alexandria (r). (Teletext) (9993)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (9698)
9.00 Gardens Without Borders. Alan Mason visits the 12th-century Chateau Busseol near Clermont-Ferrand which claims to have France's oldest garden (Teletext) (s) (9056)
9.30 Cheers. Popular comedy series set in a Boston bar. (Teletext) (s) (72360)
10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking comedy from Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman. (Teletext) (s) (75969)
10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (s) See Choice (127308)
11.05 The Word. Music and style magazine. The guests include Jonathan Ross and Phoebe Legere (s) (741037)
12.05am Film: Teenage Monster (1958, b/w). B-movie horror nonsense about a young boy who, after being struck by a meteorite grows up into a hairy, homicidal teenager. Starring Stephen Parker as the young boy and Gil Perkins as the teenager. Directed by Jacques Marquette (1113235)
1.20 It's Showtime at the Apollo hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (5411902). Ends at **2.15**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (9304124) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (6873056) **6.00** Home and Away (550308) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (425259) **10.45-11.10** Married...with Children (197056) **12.35** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (6029815) **1.05** Whale On (8878341) **2.05** Raw Power (5536322) **3.05** Entertainment UK (6439896) **4.00** Sportsworld (95761) **4.30** Riviera (84186) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (53728)

BORDER
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Challenge (533969) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9304124) **6.00** Lookaround (327) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (679) **10.40-11.10** The Country Show (188308) **12.35** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (6029815) **1.05** Whale On (8878341) **2.05** Raw Power (5536322) **3.05** Entertainment UK (6439896) **4.00** Sportsworld (95761) **4.30** Riviera (84186) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (53728)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (534698) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (533969) **3.20-3.50** GP (9304124) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (6873056) **6.00** Home and Away (550308) **6.25-7.00** Central News (425259) **10.40** Central Weekend (7843747) **12.10** Snooker (9638544) **1.35** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (5893728) **2.05** Whale On (5536322) **3.05** The Beat (1547047) **4.05** Jobfinder (8462709)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (534698) **1.45-2.15** *Home and Away* (533969) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9304124) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (6873056) **6.00** Home and Away (327) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (679) **10.40** Up *Front* (951292) **11.40** Snooker (367124) **12.35** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (6029815) **1.05** Whale On (8878341) **2.05** Raw Power (5536322) **3.05** Entertainment UK (6439896) **4.00** Sportsworld (95761) **4.30** Riviera *(84186)* **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Wish You Were Here...? (533969) **3.20-3.50** The *Young Doctors (9304124)* **6.00** *HTV News* (327) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (679) **10.40** Late and Live (951292) **11.40** Snooker (367124) **12.35** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (6029815) **1.05** Whale On (8878341) **2.05** *Raw Power (5536322)* **3.05** Entertainment UK (6439896) **4.00** Sportsworld (95761) **4.30** Riviera (84186) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40** 3D **11.10-12.35** Snooker

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (9304124) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (96871) **10.40** Murder, She Wrote (951292) **11.40** Snooker (367124) **12.35** Married...with Children (6029815) **1.05** Whale On (8878341) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2817457) **2.35** Raw Power (8477877) **3.35** Cue the Music (2463964) **4.30** Country Ways (84186) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (53728)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Dog Days (35154940) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9304124) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (327) **6.30-7.00** Friday Documentary (679) **10.40** Head to Head (951292) **11.40** Snooker (367124) **12.35** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (6029815) **1.05** Whale On (8878341) **2.05** The Big E (5555457) **3.00** Film: Let 'Em Have It (Richard Arlen, Virginia Bruce) (604341) **4.40** Rocksport (79799419) **5.05-5.30** Challenge of the Seas (7529815)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (533969) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (9304124) **6.00-700** Westcountry Live (96871) **10.40-11.10** Westwise (188308) **12.35** Alfred Hitchcock Presents: When This Man Dies (6029815) **1.05** Whale On (8878341) **2.05** Raw Power (5536322) **3.05** Entertainment UK (6439896) **4.00** Sportsworld (95761) **4.30** Riviera (84186) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (53728)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Dog Days (35154940) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9304124) **5.55** Calendar (148563) **6.30-7.00** Seeing Stars (679) **10.40-11.10** Harry Enfield's Guide to the Opera (188308) **12.35** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (6029815) **1.05** Whale On (8878341) **2.05** The Big E (5555457) **3.00** Film: Let 'Em Have It (Richard Arlen, Virginia Bruce) (604341) **4.40** Rockspor (79799419) **5.05-5.30** Challenge of the Sees (7529815)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (75018) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (54476) **9.30** Ysgolion (277259) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (67940) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (92124) **1.00** Lift Off (78105) **1.30** Close To Home (91495) **2.00** Film: Daddy (275563) **3.35** The Three Stooges (3349747) **3.55** Birdscape (4825476) **4.25** Slot 23 (3815563) **5.00** Countdown (1679) **5.30** Brookside (376) **6.00** News (903476) **6.10** Heno (505834) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4143) **7.30** Y Maes Chwarae (105) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad (9993) **8.30** News (808259) **8.55** I'r Bur Holf Bau (717698) **9.30** Sân Steffan (147259) **10.00** Nurses (75969) **10.30** Whose Line Is It Anyway? (127308) **11.05** The Word (741037) **12.05am** Film: Teenage Monster (1113235) **1.20** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (36921124) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (6471230) **9.10** Cartoons (2898747) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (47698) **10.00** Strike It Rich (33394) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (86360) **11.00** Hart to Hart (23679) **12.00** Falcon Crest (20921) **1.00pm** E Street (27495) **1.30** Another World (4616327) **2.15** Santa Barbara (163124) **2.45** Maude (162495) **3.15** Different Strokes (189308) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5030853) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7018) **6.00** Games World (7360) **6.30** E Street (1940) **7.00** Rescue (8747) **7.30** Family Ties (7124) **8.00** Alien Nation (89698) **9.00** World Wrestling Federation Superstars (89834) **10.00** Code 3 (17969) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (12704) **11.30** Studs (87641) **12.00** Skyrest

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (26785) **6.30** News and *Business Report (831785)* *9.30* *Nightline* (23872) **10.30** 48 Hours (98596) **11.30** International Business Report (97540) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (92414) **1.30** Good Morning America (93143) *2.30* *Parliament (10037)* *3.30* *The Lords* (10308) **4.30** News and Business Report (4037) **5.00** Live at Five (35722) **6.30** News and Business Report (28056) **7.30** 48 Hours (5768) **10.30** Nightline (20853) **11.30** ABC *News (44430)* **12.30am** 48 Hours (35815) **1.30** ABC News (79032) **2.30** Getaway (94490) **3.30** ABC News (54885) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (35772) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (12857)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2212230)
10.00 White Fang (1991): Ethan Hawke befriends a wolf-dog in Alaska (45230)
12.00 Skullduggery (1970). Burt Reynolds and Susan Clark discover a tribe of ape-like pygmies (88018)
2.00pm Back Home (1989): Hayley Mills returns to England after the war (86501)
4.00 Alias Smith and Jones *(1970):* Western about two outlaws (5650)
6.00 White Fang (as 10am) (73037)
8.00 The Pope Must Die (1991). Comedy with Robbie Coltrane (74679671)
9.40 **US Top Ten** *(312501)*
10.00 State of Grace (1991). Sean Penn infiltrates a crime syndicate run by childhood friend Ed Harris (58486921)
12.15am American Kickboxer (1991): Martial arts thriller (201896)
1.50 The Decameron (1970). Medieval tales by Boccaccio (19250273)

4.00 Men Don't Leave (1990): Jessica Lange plays a widowed mother (390902) Ends at **5.50**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00am Random Harvest (1942, b/w): Greer Garson rescues first world war *amnesiac Ronald Colman from a mental* institution (86396209)
8.15 The Lawless Breed (1952): Western starring Rock Hudson as gunman John Wesley Hardin (70630785)
10.00 **Mutant** *((1983). Zombie horror story* (484476). Ends at 11.45

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Here Comes the Groom (1951, b/w): Musical comedy with Bing Crosby and Jane Wyman (55037)
8.00 The Distant Home (1990): A girl is destined to rule the galaxy (96037)
10.00 Winchester '73 (1950, b/w): James Stewart searches for his stolen gun (43872)
12.00 Never Steal Anything Small (1959): Musical comedy starring James Cagney as a union racketeer (79360)
2.00pm The Mysterious Murder of Thelma Todd (1991): A distinct attorney investigates the death of a film star (84143)
4.00 The Distant Home (as 8am) (3292)
6.00 Columbo: Bird in the Hand (1991): Starring Peter Falk (71679)
8.00 Curiosity Kills *(1990):* C Thomas Howell's neighbour is found dead (76124)
10.00 Ultraviolet (1991). Desert hikers Patricia Healy and Stephen Meadows encounter an incoherent camper (8331211)
11.25 **Let It Ride** *(1990).* *Richard Dreyfuss* plays a compulsive gambler (458211)
1.05am Meeting Venus (1991). Conductor Niels Arestrup falls in love with soprano Glenn Close (38598273)
3.10 *The Man Who Wasn't There (1983):* Steve Guttenberg is invisible (622612)
5.00 Seven Sinners (1940, b/w): Sailor John Wayne falls for cabaret singer Marlene Dietrich (94902). Ends at **6.30**

SKY SPORTS
6.00 Cricket: India v England (5961501) **11.30** NHRA Drag Racing (80853) **12.00** High Five (73124) **12.30pm** The Boot Room (51768) **1.00** Autoglass Trophy: Stoke City v Port Vale (29389) **3.00** ATP Tennis (29650) **5.00** Cricket: India v England (7414) **6.00** Sky Soccer Weekend (16327) **7.00** The Big League (82121476) **9.15** USPGA Golf: Doral *Ryder Open from Miami (98248259)* *11.00* Cricket: India v England (62582) **12.00-2.00am** ATP Tennis (22896)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (67037) **8.00** Show Jumping on Ice (28360) **9.00** Ford Ski Report (86969) **10.00** Trans World Sport (56921) **11.00** Football European Cup (10853) **1.00pm** Biathlon (21259) **2.00** Basketball (11211) **4.00** Nordic Skiing (9018) **6.00** Eurofun (2698) **6.30** News (6650) **7.00** Motorsport (23056) **8.00** Ice Hockey (82196) **9.00** Basketball (94056) **9.30** Boxing (89049) **11.00-12.00** Ice Hockey (57650)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (52427679) **6.15** Button Moon (52415834) **6.30** Dungeons and Dragons (8229940) **7.00** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (2656037) **7.30** Neighbours (2668872) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1275582) **8.30** EastEnders (1274853) **9.00** The Bill (1265105) **9.30** The Brothers (8277037) **10.30** Tenko (3688105) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (3559209) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1285969) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6487495) **1.00** EastEnders (2665306) **1.30** The Bill (6486766) **2.00** Never the Twain (2106495) **2.30** The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (5809969) **3.00** Dallas (8959245) **4.00** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5883921) **4.30** Dave Wilson (5883105) **5.00** Candid Camera (2187747) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (5803785) **6.00** Neighbours (5800698) **6.30** The Brothers (1177747) **7.30** Never the Twain (5880834) **8.00** EastEnders (2126258) **8.30** The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (2105766) **9.00** Tenko (2974327) **10.00** The Bill (1286698) **10.30** Alas Smith and Jones (1262018) **11.00** Dick Emery (5559489) **11.30** Film: I Walked With a Zombie (1943, b/w) starring Frances Dee (1882691) **12.45-1.30am** Video Bites (7900341)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Stories Without Words (95495) **6.30** Non-Stop Cartoon Capers (9053834) **7.15** Widget (884650) **8.45** Jack in the Box (636360) **10.45** Stories Without Words (517056) **11.15** Non-Stop Cartoon Capers (5130785) **12.00** Boy Dominic (20056) **12.30pm** CDO (48940) **1.00** Jack in the Box (98245) **3.00** Widget (24211) **4.00** Spill and Hercules (5663) **4.30** The Legend of White Fang (1747) **5.00** TVFM (6583) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (5327) **6.00-7.00** Fame (63259)

RADIO 3

5.35am Open University: *Mathematics and Music*
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Including Beethoven (Overture, King Stephen: Philharmonia under Klemperer); Holst (Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda, Op 26 No 3: Royal College of Music Chamber Choir under Davis Willcocks, with Osian Ellis, harp); Telemann (Concerto No 2 in D for three trumpets: Håkan Hardenberger, *Michael Lair, William* Houghton; Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Iona Brown); Bruch (Scottish Fantasy. Jascha Heifetz, violin; New Symphony Orchestra of London under Sargent)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Hindemith in the Twenties. Wir *bauen eine Stadt* — excerpts; Five Pieces for strings, Op 44 No 4; Martinslied, Op 45 No 5; Slow Piece and Rondo for trautonium; Kitsch-Dust, Neues vom Tage: Concert Music for piano, brass and harps, Op 49
10.00 Morning Sequence: Strauss *(Suite in B flat, Op 4:* London Winds); Prokofiev (Adagio, Cinderella: Mstislav Rostroporich, cello, Maria Karandasjova, piano); Marenzio (Missa super iniquos odio habui: BBC Singers under Bo Holten); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in E, *L'Amoroso, RV271:* Simon Standage; English Concert under Trevor Pinnock); Marenzio (Deus venerunt *gentes: Exsurgat* Deus: BBC Singers under Bo Holten); Janáček (Mladi: London Winds); Brahms (Double Concerto in A minor: David Oistrakh, violin, Mstislav Rostropovich, cello, Cleveland Orchestra under George Szell)
12.00 Ravel's Songs (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: Live from the Concert Hall, New Broadcasting House. Michael Roll, piano, plays Schubert (Sonata in B flat, D960)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: National Youth Orchestra of Wales *under the* late Arthur Davison performs Grace Williams (Fantasia on Welsh Nursery Tunes); William *Mathias (Sinfonietta);* Alun Hoddinott (Welsh Dances, Suite No 2); Mussorgsky, orch Ravel (Pictures from an Exhibition)
3.35 Chilingirian Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in D, Op 64 No 5, The Lark); Tigran Mansurian (String Quartet No 2) (r)
4.30 A Mixtie-Maxtie: Iain MacInnes presents a selection of Scottish traditional songs and dances. Including Roderick J. MacLeod's performance of the pibroch, *The Earl of Ross's March*
5.00 In Tune, presented by Richard Baker
7.30 *Towards the Millenium:* A violin and piano recital, live from Pebble Mill. Lydia Mordkovitch and Hamish Milne play Enescu (Violin Sonata No 3); Ravel (Violin Sonata in G); and Medtner (Violin Sonata No 2). At **8.15**, there is an interval feature about Munich's *Lenbachhaus art gallery*
● CHOICE: Keen collectors of Ravel's violin works on disc will be listening intently to this recital. Mordkovitch will be heard playing the violin sonata she recorded for RCA (with Allen Sternfield, piano) in 1978, generally regarded at the time *to be the most thrilling account* of the Ravel sonata ever recorded. What changes, one wonders, will the intervening 15 years have brought in her interpretation of this famously difficult work, especially the jazz-influenced second movement?
9.25 Aldous Huxley: The Portrait. Edward Petherbridge reads the last of five short stories set in the twenties
9.45 **Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment** under Frans Brüggen performs Haydn (Symphony No 90 in C); Beethoven (Symphony No 8 in F) (r)
10.45 Blue Skies: Steve Jones on the art of the science of mimicry
11.30 *Midnight Oil:* Sarah Walker presents a tribute to the singer Cathy Berberian, who died ten years ago
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 1.05pm)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rt Rev Peter Firth **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30,** *8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought* for the Day with the Rt Rev Richard Harries **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the theatre, opera and television director Elijah Moshinsky (r)
9.45 Feedback, presented by Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 News; Murder Most Foul (FM only): The Fingerless Strangler
● CHOICE: Here, with a vengeance, is alternative programming — the sacred and the profane in stiff competition, *on the same* network and at the same hour. While Radio 4 LW puts out the *Daily Service* and *Revelations of Divine Love,* Radio 4 FM resumes its series of grisly murder cases in which Dr Keith Simpson, the celebrated pathologist, was involved. *Could Harold Loughans,* lacking two fingers, have strangled the pub landlady? And why were there three trials, not the usual one?
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Revelations of Divine Love (LW only), by Julian of Norwich. Hannah Gordon reads the final part
10.30 Woman's Hour: Sylvia Darley founded the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, 25 *years ago. She tells Maggie* Taggart how she raises £2 million a year. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme: A Hedgerow Special. Jessica Holm launches a project by the charity Plantlife to grow a *hedge from coast to coast*
12.00 You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Food Programme, presented by Simon Parks **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Persuasion, by Jane Austen. With Juliet Stevenson (r)
3.00 Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf, with Nigel Forde. Brian Moore, author of *Lies of Silence,* talks about his writing career and his new novel, *No Other Life*
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews an exhibition by artists from European cultural minorities at the Ikon Gallery, Birmingham; and reports on the sculptures that will adorn the Limehouse link line
4.45 Short Story: Ice-Cream, by Mary Beckett. Read by Stella McCusker
5.00 PM with Wendy Austin and Hugh Sykes **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 *Going Places: Janet Trewin* visits the Geneva motor show
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, presented by Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a discussion in Pershore, Worcestershire. *On the panel are Tony Blair,* MP, shadow home secretary; Peter Lilley, MP, social security secretary; Liz Lynne, MP, Liberal Democrat spokesperson on health and community care; and Andrew Neil, editor *of The Sunday Times*
8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Classically White. Why are black classical musicians under-employed in *Britain? (r)*
9.45 Letters from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Queen of the Tambourine, by Jane Gardam. Dorothy Tutin reads the final episode
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week, with Roger White
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** Lynn Parsons's Mega Hits **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show with Tommy Vance **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Chris Stuart **11.30** *Jimmy Young* **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jameson at the Opera (2/6) **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night **8.45** Amanda Hurton at the piano **9.00** Listen to the Band: The Grimethorpe Colliery Band under Gary Cutt **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme from Birmingham **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35-4.00** Charles Nove

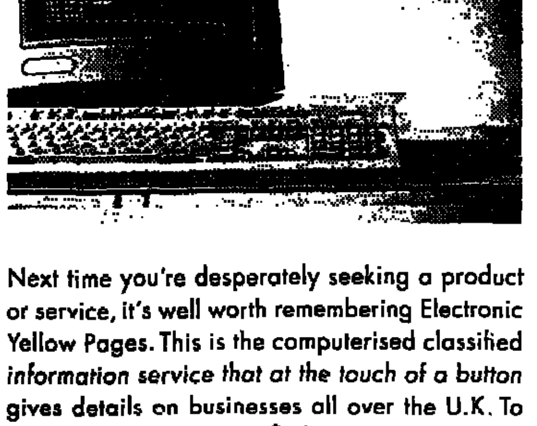
RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** **3.25am** Cricket: India v England **7.00** Morning Edition Update **7.45** Cricket: India v England **11.15** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **12.30pm** They Think It's All Over **1.05** Schools: Topic Resources 9-11, **1.20** Playtime. **1.35** The Music Box. **1.50** Something to Think About. **2.05** Music Workshop — Music Course 3 **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Wicked Words: Quiz with Pete McCarthy **7.15** Esio Trot, by Roald Dahl (r) **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Ruby II! **10.10** Rave, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in **GMT.** **4.30am** World Business Report **4.40** Travel and Weather News **4.45** *Programmes in German* **5.30** *Europe Today* **5.59** Weather **6.00** World and British News **6.14** Travel News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** The Root of the World **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** Seven Seas **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** John Sugar in Search of... **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** The Roof of the World **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf; Yakshi **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News and Business Report **5.14** Travel **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** News About Britain **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Worldbrief **11.30** Multitrack 3 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** From the Weeklies **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Seeing Stars **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** News **4.15** Good Books

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** *Susannah Simons 1.00pm Celebrity Choice (r)* **2.00** Lunchtime Concerto: Liszt (Piano Concerto No 1: Annie Fischer); Haydn (Spring, The Seasons) **3.00** Alan Mann **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Ashkenazy conducts Dvořák (Cello Concerto: Lynn Harrell; Philharmonia), Glazunov (The Seasons: Royal Philharmonic) **10.00** *Adrian Love 1.00-6.00am Robert Booth*

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Brilliant century sees India home after England's opening salvo

Sidhu steals Smith's thunder

FROM PETER BALL IN GWALIOR, INDIA

INDIA kept the one-day international series alive here yesterday with a three-wicket victory over England. Although Robin Smith scored his first overseas century for his country, his effort was put in the shade as Navjot Sidhu carried on his personal vendetta against England's bowlers, seeing India home by three wickets with two overs to spare with his third century of the tour.

"I felt I played as well as I could," Smith said, "but unfortunately Sidhu played better. It was an incredible innings."

As well as his three centuries — for the Indian board president's XI and for India in both the second Test and now a one-day international — Sidhu has scored three fifties and, in all, totalled 656 runs in 12 innings, three undefeated. In the process, he has at last provided India with a top-class opening batsman, growing in authority and confidence as the tour progressed.

He received important support from his captain in a dazzling stand of 175 in 29 overs which put India in command, but when Azharuddin departed, India, like England before them, collapsed. Sidhu's determination to see them home was crucial. He hit his undefeated 134 off 160 balls, and with no Emburey to tempt him he rarely lofted a shot, driving firmly and scoring heavily off his legs for most of his 15 fours.

He gave one chance, at 94. Jarvis was half-way through an appeal for a catch behind when Blakey dropped it. With it went England's hopes. The result cuts their lead in the six-match series to 3-2, with the final match here today.

The only blot on an excellent day's cricket came when Alec Stewart was hit on the head by a stone thrown from the crowd. England were eager to play the incident down last night. "We didn't consider coming off for just one incident," Keith Fletcher, the team manager, said. "I thought the policing was very, very good and had the desired affect."

Until Sidhu's arrival, Smith had dominated events as England enjoyed a fine start, even though Stewart needed the help of two dropped catches in three balls before he reached double figures. He stayed long enough to bring up the hundred opening stand, at a steady rather than a dashing rate, before he fell trying to run a straight ball from Kumble to third man.

Smith carried on relentlessly, cutting and driving the seam bowlers in familiar style and playing spin with new-found confidence. He was particularly savage on Maninder, who had previously tormented him, on his return to the India side, hitting three of his four straight sixes off him. "I enjoy opening," Smith said. "It gives me a chance to get in and then, when the spinners appear, hopefully I've got 30 or 40 on the board and so I feel confident to be more aggressive."

Smith's move up the order once again kept Atherton out, even though Gatting was ruled out by stomach trouble. "We did consider Atherton, but he would have batted No. 8 like Blakey did because we didn't want to disrupt the earlier batsman," Fletcher said with curious logic; unless, like Gooch, Gatting is also contemplating dropping down to the lower middle-order.

With Smith in full flow, and Fairbrother supporting him steadily, questions of selection hardly seem to matter as England reached 227 with four overs remaining. The collapse that followed was spectacular, even by England standards. The last eight wickets went down for 29 runs, the last seven, including the hapless Blakey first ball, for ten in the space of 20 balls.

Needing 257, India lost Prabhakar leg-before first ball. Kambli then skied a pull to mid-on in the second over. From that parlous position, Sidhu and Azharuddin turned the game around, playing some breathtaking strokes as they imposed themselves on the bowlers.

England did not help their cause, Gooch dropping a hard chance when Azharuddin was on 34 and Malcolm an even harder return catch before he had reached double figures. They were rare blemishes, and India seemed to be cruising home when Gooch recalled Malcolm.

It paid off as Azharuddin swung him to deep square-leg. India lost five wickets making 26. Sidhu, though, survived, refusing to let the disarray affect him, and Kumble, who has scored four first-class centuries, came in to lend the necessary support.

GRAHAM MORRIS



On the run: Sidhu steals a single as Jarvis fails in an attempt to run him out by kicking the ball at the wicket in Gwalior yesterday

Johnson remains silent as meeting convenes

BY JOHN GOODBODY

BEN Johnson is maintaining his silence over an alleged positive drugs test that will be the subject of a special meeting of the doping commission of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) in Paris today.

The Canadian sprinter, who was stripped of his world record and 100 metres gold medal after testing positive at the 1988 Olympic Games, faces a lifetime ban from the sport if the commission is satisfied he took performance-enhancing drugs and has committed a second offence.

Johnson has declined to comment personally, but his solicitors in his home town of Toronto have issued a statement that said he "denies taking any prohibited substance or engaging in any improper practice since his return to competition".

The statement added that neither Johnson nor his representatives had been notified of any positive test.

This is not unlikely. According to drugs-testing protocol, Johnson at present faces only an "adverse finding".

He will not be deemed positive until the commission, chaired by Professor Arnie Ljungqvist, of Sweden, is certain that his high level of testosterone — the male hormone — could have been caused only by him taking banned substances.

Johnson would also have the opportunity of a personal hearing.

Johnson was tested three times in January and it was the analysis carried out after the Montreal meeting on January 17 that found he had a high level of the male hormone.

Under doping regulations of the International Olympic Committee, which are followed by the IAAF, a positive result is declared only when the ratio of testosterone to epitestosterone exceeds six-to-one.

The ratio between the two hormones is usually one-to-one in the male body.

Percy Duncan, who has been Johnson's coach since November 1991, said he was waiting for the IAAF verdict. "I cannot understand how this sort of thing can happen," he said.

Injury to Francis causes Ireland to rejig

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Francis, the Irish lock recalled against France last month, withdrew yesterday from the team to play Wales in the five nations' championship match in Cardiff tomorrow. A calf strain received in training means that Mick Galwey must move from No. 8 to his more accustomed position in the second row, and Brian Robinson is restored to the back row.

Robinson was due to captain Ireland in the A international against Wales at Newport tonight. Now, Noel Mannion gains an unexpected opportunity.

Meanwhile, Dick Best, England's coach, is rapidly learning the mind games involved in international rugby. As his team prepared for tomorrow's game with Scotland at Twickenham, he suggested a weight has been lifted from England's shoulders as a result of their defeat in Wales.

The pressure now, he added, was on the Scots, who have totalled only four wins at Twickenham in 82 years. "People no longer talk about the triple grand slam for us," Best said. "Instead, the talk is of Scotland coming for the triple crown and of Ian McGeechan's last match."

Best admitted that England, whose style has been based on set-piece power play, had to think much harder how to take advantage of the experimental ruck-maul law. "That's no bad thing," he said. "But unless you hold the ball up and drive in a maul, you will not drag in all the loose forwards standing in the way of your back play. If people want to pay £30 a ticket to see a series of driving mauls, good luck to them."

Tickets for the match at a reduced-capacity Twickenham are changing hands at more than £1,000 a pair and the Rugby Football Union yesterday warned people not to buy tickets or hospitality packages from any unauthorised organisations. "The risk is the ticket won't materialise or, if it does, it could have been stolen and a duplicate issued instead, which would result in them having to vacate their seats," a spokesman said.

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GWALIOR SCOREBOARD

India won toss

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
R A Smith b Srinath *Playing ball to leg*	129	4	12	195	145
A J Stewart b Kumble *Played on off bottom edge*	33	0	2	98	68
G A Hick c More b Prabhakar *Sliced hook to short square-leg*	18	0	1	31	25
N H Fairbrother c Maninder b Srinath *Sliced to deep mid-off*	37	1	3	55	39
C C Lewis lbw b Prabhakar *Hitting across the line*	4	0	0	11	9
*G A Gooch run out (Ankola-Azhar'din) *Attempting 2nd leg-bye to deep square*	1	0	0	7	3
D A Reeve run out (More) *Run out off no-ball*	3	0	0	13	6
†R J Blakey lbw b Srinath *Playing forward to big inswinger*	0	0	0	1	1
P A J DeFreitas not out	2	0	0	8	5
P W Jarvis b Prabhakar *Played inside inswinger*	0	0	0	1	2
D E Malcolm b Prabhakar *Attempting to slog*	0	0	0	1	1
Extras (b 1, lb 16, w 8, nb 4)	29				
Total (215 min, 50 overs)	256				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-101 (Smith 62), 2-154 (Smith 94), 3-227 (Smith 126), 4-246 (Lewis 4), 5-246 (Gooch 0), 6-251 (Reeve 2), 7-251 (Reeve 2), 8-256 (DeFreitas 2), 9-256 (DeFreitas 2)

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 9-0-39-0 (nb 1 w 3) (7-0-17-0, 2-0-22-0), Prabhakar 10-0-54-4 (nb 2, w 2) (2-0-19-0, 3-0-13-1, 5-0-22-3), Srinath 10-0-41-3 (w 3) (5-0-19-0, 2-0-9-0, 3-0-13-3), Kumble 10-0-41-1 (7-0-26-1, 3-0-15-0), Maninder 8-0-46-0 (one spell) Sharma 3-0-18-0 (one spell)

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 10 overs: 36, 20: 84, 30: 133, 40: 191

Smith: 50: 78 min, 55 balls, 7 fours, 1 six. 100: 146 min, 116 balls, 8 fours, 4 sixes.

INDIA

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
N S Sidhu not out	134	0	15	218	160
M Prabhakar lbw b DeFreitas *Playing back*	0	0	0	1	1
V G Kambli c Gooch b Malcolm *Sliced hook to mid-on*	2	0	0	7	7
*M Azharuddin c Stewart b Malcolm *Clipped off toes to deep square-leg*	74	1	6	120	72
S R Tendulkar b Jarvis *Ball kept low*	5	0	1	7	6
A K Sharma run out (Lewis) *Direct hit from gully after lbw appeal*	0	0	0	1	1
Kapil Dev c Hick b Jarvis *Edged ball between slip and wicketkeeper*	2	0	0	14	9
†K S More c Hick b Malcolm *Edged wide ball to slip*	1	0	0	4	3
A Kumble not out	19	0	0	52	33
Extras (b 2, lb 9, nb 1)	20				
Total (7 wkts, 218 min, 48 overs)	257				

Maninder Singh and J Srinath did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1 (Sidhu 1), 2-4 (Sidhu 2), 3-179 (Sidhu 95), 4-189 (Sidhu 100), 5-190 (Sidhu 100), 6-202 (Sidhu 104), 7-205 (Sidhu 106)

BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-0-52-1 (4-0-19-1, 3-0-18-0, 1-0-2-0, 2-0-13-0); Malcolm 10-0-40-3 (nb 3, w 4) (5-0-19-1, 5-0-21-2), Lewis 10-0-56-0 (4-0-17-0 3-0-27-0, 3-0-12-0), Jarvis 10-0-43-2 (nb 1, w 3) (3-0-21-0, 7-0-22-2), Reeve 6-0-37-0 (w 1) (4-0-29-0 1-0-7-0, 1-0-1-0), Hick 2-0-18-0 (one spell)

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 10 overs: 43, 20: 100, 30: 179, 40: 219

Sidhu: 50: 92 min, 65 balls, 5 fours. 100: 135 min, 105 balls, 13 fours.

Umpires: A V Jayaprakash and P D Reporter.

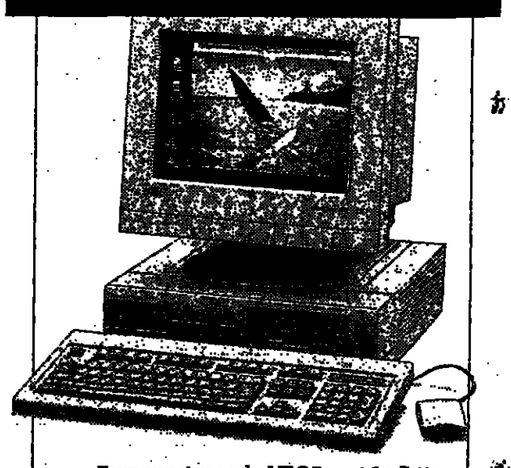
Man of the match: N S Sidhu.

India won by three wickets



Under fire: Gooch and umpire Reporter examine the stone which struck Stewart

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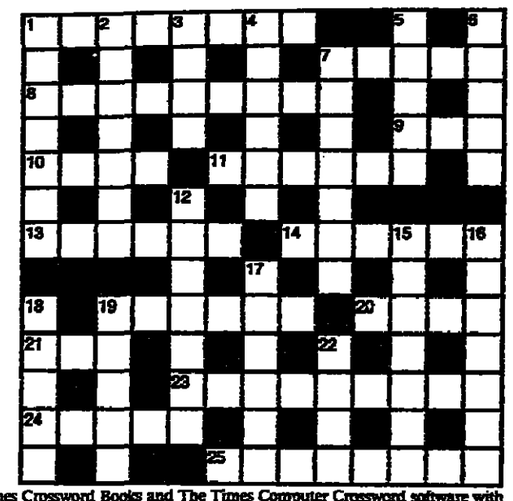
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11 Boredom (6)
13 Speech of praise (6)
14 Confused noise (6)
19 Trifling (6)
20 Grip with teeth (4)
21 Cannabis (3)
23 Light conversation (5,4)
24 Fortune-telling cards (5)
25 Superficial (4,4)

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1 Sucking glass tube (7)
2 Pitiful (7)
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4 Pinned (6)
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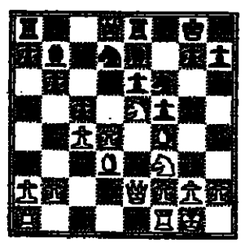
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CHESS

Later this year Britain's Nigel Short will compete with Gary Kasparov for the world chess title. Kasparov's aggressive style of play has often been compared to that of the great Alexander Alekhine, whose games he studied as a boy. This position is from the game Alekhine — Feldt, Tarnopol 1916. Here, Alekhine found an amazing method of drawing the black king into the open, and delivering a swift mate. Can you spot it? *(Raymond Keene)*



Solution on page 40.

WORD WATCH

By PHILIP HOWARD

EOBIONT
a. Partly living
b. Enjoying parties
c. An evergreen shrub

TAGMEME
a. Little grammar
b. An Indonesian turban
c. Scottish children's game

LAVA-LAVA
a. Fermented coconut juice
b. A volcanic eruption
c. A skirt

PULQUE
a. What then?
b. Cactus juice
c. A Malayan canoe

Answers on page 40